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# SAIDAPET ASTROLOGER.

or

## MALA JYOSIER

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Like many other cities in India, Madras also is not wanting in the number of Astrologers. But if any astrologer were to be identified by his predictions, I am sure, it will invariably fall on my Guru Jyothisha Praveena Sri K. S. Krishnamurthi Iyer, popularly hailed as the *Saidapet Astrologer* or *Mala Jyosier*. By his erudite scholarship, deep understanding and keen insight, coupled with five and thirty years of experience in Astrology, Sri K. S. Krishnamurthi Iyer proves a solace to many—to those worried about the results of their competitive examinations, to parents anxious for the settlement of the marriage of their children, to businessmen whose minds are sharply tuned to the rise and fall of the market, to the young constantly pondering over things to come, to the old who have an insatiable desire to know their own longevity, to farmers and punters who calculate on the harvests of the season... in short, to one and all, the chief consultant, guide and minister is our Guru Sri K. S. Krishnamurthi Iyer.

He has been the author of several astrological publications, notable amongst them being "Jyothidam Vigyaname", "Marriage and Married life" (Volumes I and II), "My fortune in the next five years" etc. Besides, he is giving series of lectures in Astrology at 3 centres in Madras. Herein is imparted knowledge in Astrology to graduates, scholars, officials and even

professional Astrologers who constitute the bulk of his students.

Hailing from Tanjore, Sri Krishnamurthi Iyer had his study of the rudiments and fundamentals in Astrology even while he was a student. He is not a professional ; he is a pensioner : he has retired after 34 years of Service in the King Institute, Guindy. Five years before retirement, he founded the Modern Astrological Research Institute. He is the President and he has its branch opened at Delhi. Many a lecture had been given in the midst of an august gathering, in the Rajya Sabha Hall, Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, L.Y.M.A., Y.M.C.A., Lion's club, Cosmopolitan club etc. As the very name signifies, this Institute is dedicated to research work in Astrology, with a view to establishing by concrete proofs, some of the 'seemingly empirical' theories. In this line, Sri Krishnamurthi Iyer and his students are constantly endeavouring.

A look at Sri Krishnamurthi Iyer, the lean and tall gentleman, one really wonders at the vastness and extent of knowledge he carries with him. One is lost in admiration at his explanations as to how the predictions are arrived at, to people who are interested to know them. Predictions mainly based on guess are never given out by him. Anything that is forecast has a scientific background and is based on the rich accumulated information stored by him, combined with an articulate flow of thought which is the unique gift of Sri K. S. Krishnamurthi. He scrupulously avoids the terms as "Likely", "Probably" etc., whenever he predicts.

The trouble in the North, the tumbling down of the prices of the shares in the market after the 15th. of October 1962 (which appeared in a daily newspaper at Delhi) were some of the events predicted by him

even 18 months prior to the occurrences. His intense devotion to Lord Uchista Maha Ganapathi contributes greatly to his grand success and uncanny predictions.

It might appear that it would be an arduous task to master the subject of Astrology. But as in every other sister-art, in Astrology also "Practice makes Perfect" and it would be within the reach of everybody to achieve a remarkable amount of accuracy within a period of 2 years, if sufficient care and attention is given to the material that is offered by Sri K. S. Krishnamurthi in his book, in an easily digestible and palatable form. I am confident and I can reiterate the same.

New ideas spring up from his fertile imaginative mind, versatility gives shape to them and it is for us to reap the rich harvest which his genius can confer on us.

## FOREWORD

### GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF US, GOOD LUCK

It is a pleasant surprise to receive the manuscript of a few issues of "ASTROLOGY AND ATHRISHTA" written by my esteemed Guru, Jyothisha Praveena, Sri K. S. Krishnamurti to write a foreword.

First, let me thank my Guru for having decided to publish a magazine. The students of the Modern Astrological Research Institute at Madras and at Delhi were bringing pressure on him and now he has commenced to fulfil their desire. Praying God for long and healthy life to my Guru, let me offer my sincere opinion.

This magazine is brought out with a view to educate those who can't attend the course either in Madras or Delhi. It is more to the students in High Schools and Colleges, the young officials and such of those who are to retire in a few years, people in business, bankers, investors, speculators, sharebrokers etc., so that they can learn astrology without any difficulty, attain mastery without any doubt, predict results without any mistake and enjoy life without any disappointment.

Sincere efforts are taken to explain this Science in such a simple language, that even a layman can understand it easily. Every attempt is made to explain and connect the principles of astrology with the present day science and to lead the reader gradually so that a careful study of it from the commencement would at once enable him to follow up the subject, without any external help. Special care has been bestowed to make

it as instructive as possible by citing a large number of examples.

The aim of the editor, my Guru, is that the students, before finishing the college course, can be qualified in their respective fields of specialisation as Engineering, Auditing, Medicine, Law etc., in addition to Astrology. Officers after attaining adequate proficiency in Astrology can command respect in the office and they will be liked by one and all. The youngsters may take this up seriously and work with enthusiasm to popularise astrology. Pensioners can have no greater pleasure than to be of service to the younger generation in educating them in the subject of Astrology. I am confident that this magazine will surely establish the truth of this noble science. It is also possible to create chairs to Astrologers who will impart good knowledge to high school and college students at least during their leisure hours.

Planets reveal that, for a few decades to come, astrology will not be included in the regular curriculum, but they portray that private schools and associations will engage the intellectuals to coach up students in large numbers. Religion is no bar to learning this science and any intelligent person may be requested to teach it, to whichever nation he or she may belong. Varahamihira says that it is not a disqualification that one is born in a particular caste. Yavanas were held in great reverence in olden days even by Rishis. Only ability and efficiency are to be taken into consideration and able astrologers alone are to be respected. Such genii and successful astrologers may volunteer and lend their services to educate the people.

In the near future, the reputation of this science will spread from Kanyakumari to Himalayas to start with and in due course from Pole to Pole. Astrology

deserves to live long and an astrologer deserves better treatment. Let us work with the motto and desire to be of service to those who need our guidance and solace and continue with that ambition placing all our faith in the Great Almighty.

Let the All-pervading, the Omnipotent, the Omnipresent, and the Omniscient guide us in our zeal, help us in our endeavour, keep us ever cheerful and bless us with grand success. May the antagonists also be convinced and be converted as votaries of Astrology.

Good Luck to all of us; GOOD LUCK.

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## WHAT NEXT?

**ASTROLOGY** is to guide one about what is to come in the future without resorting to any guess or surmise. This science is intended to be told in crystal clear manner anything and everything that is to happen. Therefore this astrological magazine follows the same principle and desires to mention those which are to appear in the succeeding issues.

The Editor has given us to understand that he has proposed to publish cogently articles on astronomy and astrology in about 32 to 48 pages a month; monthly predictions will cover about 16 pages in English and 16 pages in Tamil and between 16 and 32 pages may be allotted for various articles from learned scholars. What articles have been received from others and in which monthly issue they will appear will be published a month or two in advance. The topics that will be explained by our Professor, the Editor of this magazine, in the subsequent issues are given below :—

1. **The Earth :** North Pole, South Pole, Equator, Longitude, Latitude, International Date Line.
2. **The Heavens :** Pole star, Celestial Equator, Right Ascension, Declination, Meridian, Equinoctial points, Equinoxes, Ecliptic, Zodiac, Celestial Longitude, Celestial Latitude, Parallels.
3. **How to locate Planets.**
4. **The Zodiac :** The Twelve Signs. Their Names and Symbols. **The Planets :** Their Names and Symbols.
5. **Constellations :** Nakshathras.



6. The Signs and their rulers. Benefics and Malefics. Signs; Movable, Fixed, Common, Fire, Earth, Air, Water; male and female, Kendbras and Konas, succedents, Cadent Houses, Northern and Southern signs, Equinoctial signs. Fruitful signs, Barren signs, Mixed signs, Signs of short ascension, Sign of long ascension; Bicorporal signs: Human signs: Signs of Voice: Mute signs: Exaltation: Dignity, Moolatrikona: Friends, Enemies; Neutral; Temporary friends and temporary enemies.

7. Different kinds of time: Apparent solar time; Mean solar time; Sidereal Time; Standard time; Local Mean time; Conversion of Standard Time to Local Mean time; Calculation of Sidereal at the time of birth or of an event at any place on earth.

8. Ephemeris: Motion: direct and retrograde.

9. Table of Houses:

10. To find out the cusps of houses: To calculate the exact position of planets for a particular moment of birth or of incident.

11. To erect charts by Western or Sayana system. Fortuna; Equinox, Precession of Equinox. A table as a ready reckoner for each year.

12. To erect maps by Nirayana system.

13. Navamsa and its use.

14. Rectification of Birth time.

15. Relative disposition among two planets. Between one Planet and Ascendant or Meridian or Fortuna.

16. Aspects: Western and Hindu. The Orbs, Guide to aspects, Translation of light, applying and separating aspects: Refraction: Dexter and sinister:

Conjunction : Parallel : Square : Opposition : Sextile-  
Trine etc.

17. **Ududasas :** Vimsodhari, Ashtodhari, Kala-  
chakra etc.

18. **Each Rasi ; Each Planet :** Mythology : Astro-  
nomy ; general features, characteristics, weakness,  
disease, professions, inanimate objects ; metals ;  
colour ; direction ; number ; countries and towns.  
indicated ; political, economical, produce, etc.

19. **12 Houses :** Their indications.

20. Planets in each sign.

21. Planets in each house.

22. Aspects between one planet and the other.  
Sun to Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, etc. Moon to  
Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, etc. Also aspect among  
lords of each house.

23. Progression.

24. Transit, Western and Hindu.

25. Ashtaka Varga.

26. Shadbala.

27. Personality.

28. Longevity.

29. Health ; Disease ; General constitution.

30. Finance, Fortune, Self acquisition, Worldly  
possessions.

31. Brothers and sisters.

32. Short journeys, publications - agency.

33. Education.

34. Vehicle, conveyance.

35. Landed property : Building - Mother.
36. Speculation : Lottery, Races, Betting.
37. Servants : Pets ; Debts, Enmity.
38. Marriage : Married Life : Lawful ; Cross : Divorce.
39. Partner ; Business ; Litigation.
40. Will : Legacy.
41. Father : Religion ; Philosophy ; Higher Education ; Competitive Examination ; Overseas : Foreign Travels.
42. Profession : Honour : Backbiting : Ill repute.
43. Friends : Hopes and Desires.
44. Treachery : Imprisonment : Expenses : Hospitalisation.
45. Horary Astrology ; detailed.
46. Market forecasting.
47. Mundane astrology.
48. Medical astrology.
49. Stellar astrology.
50. Improved Methods of Prediction by the author after much of research done in Modern Astrological Research Institute.
51. Why Stellar Astrology is to be followed and Western aspects are to be applied in all cases.
52. The correct time of birth—rectification, pre-natal.
53. Research done on Pre-natal Epoch.
54. Which Panchanga is to be followed, Thiruk or Vakya ? Which Siddhantba is to be adopted ?

55. Fortune on Chāndrashtama day—How to reconcile.

56. Marriage, appointment, promotion, success in competitive examinations during the periods of Ashtama Sani and also during the seven and half years Saturn. Explanation.

57. When Jupiter transits in the 11th house, money is lost. When it transits in the 12th, it is regained. How?

58. Expects a promotion on a particular day but on that day his maid servant delivered a child and there was no promotion. Why this alternative? and similar questions.

59. Combinations of Planets and varieties of professions.

60. Which Ayanamsa is correct? To establish it by illustration and convincing proofs.

Any problem which the readers may suggest and any other subject as it appeals to the editor, will be published as separate articles. These will be useful to the students and scholars. If any reader wants to have any doubt cleared, he is welcome to write to the editor. Even if there is difference of opinion on any matter, the editor invites such, so that he can try to convince the reader by explaining them more clearly with examples and illustrations. Therefore the editor craves indulgence of the readers for the short-comings if any, and solicits their favour of making any suggestion they may think proper, with a view to its being inserted in future issues.

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## ASTROLOGY AN OCCULT SCIENCE

Astrology is a noble science. It explains the celestial phenomena and the corresponding terrestrial events. The true meaning of astrology is the "Message of the Stars". By using the salient principles of Astrology one can forecast events for the benefit of all and as such, it is a useful science for interpreting nature.

"Astronomy is excellent ; but it must come  
Up into life to have its full value,  
And not remain there as Globes and Spaces "

—Emerson.

The whole world is run according to a well-defined plan. Nothing happens by chance. Astrology does not permit one to classify anything as an accident, as it explains the cause and effect of events. The divine plan is well arranged and timed with amazing precision.

Some say that astrology is an art. Some others reject it as an idle dream or an illusion. Still, others may speak of astrology as though it were an altogether contemptible superstition and contemplate with pity those who believe in it. Some of those who have no material or other difficulties in life take pride in saying that they have no faith in astrology and ridicule both the astrologer and the science. Probably they may fear that they may lose their self-importance if they were to recognize astrology. A few others say, under wrong impression or with prejudiced ideas, that astrology is not a science. These people would not have mastered the data on which correct predictions are based. This science explains clearly that such opponents of astro-

logy will have in their horoscopes evil aspect between Mars and Uranus or between Mars and Mercury. These planets, when afflicted, do not give quick grasp, good memory and reproductive ability, and produce people who are either ignorant, arrogant, envious or are always inclined to find fault with what they are not able to understand. Pretending to know everything, they display their ignorance. The antagonists often quote the opinions of a few learned men, who *do not want* to admit that it is a useful science. Learning is mechanical acquirement of facts and gaining knowledge in any subject. But wisdom is not so. Astrology can be correctly interpreted only by a genius endowed with divine grace.

A great theosophist, Mr. Chidambaram Iyer, says that nothing can be more funny than to find young men, especially, taking up astrology, as their first subject of attack in their public utterances. It is a subject to which they pay little or no attention except for purposes of ridicule.

I submit that the magazine is started to prove that astrology is a science and that it can render very useful service to one and all, and create faith even in the sceptic.

A knowledge about the history of astrology and the illustrious and eminent sages and savants who practised astrology would give a better appreciation of the science itself.

## HISTORY OF ASTROLOGY

The History of Astrology begins with Creation itself. Sage Garga says that the science was propounded by the Creator Himself and that Brabma handed it down to him at the time of creation. From Garga, other sages got it and it was spread all over. It appears to be co-eval with that of the Earth.

In western countries there is a certain belief that Seth (3,769 B. C.) was the world's first astrologer. This can be inferred from the astrological books written later by Arabic, Egyptian, Jewish and Persian writers. Westerners believe that Seth was the first person to study the Planets, their motions and their pathway. It is he who divided the Zodiac into twelve equal parts, as he found that the Sun ever follows a particular path in the Heavens, year after year; and he also noticed that this circular route of the Sun was spaced out by twelve full moons. Full moon occurs once a month. Therefore the Sun's path is divided into 12 equal parts called 'Mazzaroth' which term we designate as 'Signs'.

Around 2,600 years ago, the priests and the shepherds of Chaldea took this science for serious study and developed it. Their period was called the Golden Age of Astrology, because they connected the movements of the planets with all kinds of events in human life. Dr. Thompson says that the Akkadina and the Sumerians observed the heavens and heavenly bodies and tried to note their courses. The Babylonians and the Egyptians attributed some influence over the animate and inanimate objects on the earth. Astrology was popular and it wielded great influence over the rich, the priests, the princes and the kings.

Maspero said that, in his time, the mistress of the world was Astrology.

Some are of the opinion that Astrology had its origin in *Chaldea* from time immemorial. They suggest that the very name Chaldean means 'astrologer'. The *Pythagoreans* further advanced the concepts of the *Chaldeans*. They applied higher mathematics. Later, astrology came into the hands of the Greeks. They concentrated more on Natal Astrology, as they had a deep-rooted religious nature and an enquiring mind. They always posed the questions: "Who am I? Why am I born? What for, do I live? Why are there so much of inequalities in life?" They had the answers only through astrology.

Many of the records of the early astrologers of *Nineveh* and *Babylon* are found among the early tablets in the British Museum. Some of their findings are dated nearly 5,000 years ago.

The *Greeks* were also enthusiastic in following astrology. They erected the horoscopes for the time of birth and presaged the finance, family, fate, fortune, and future of the individuals. One of the Greek horoscopes written in Papyrus about 2,000 years ago is kept in the British Museum. The *Chaldeans* who practised this art of Astrology were held in high esteem even at the time of Alexander the Great.

The *Egyptians* were equally interested in Astrology, which played an important role. They were also responsible for shaping the future of the nation. As can be seen from the monuments, the inscriptions and modern investigations, this science dates back to 5,000 B.C. The Pharaohs gave much respect to the astrologers of whom Babilus was the leader. He was always consulted and the duty of Babilus was to find out the charts of those who might perchance gain power,



become a rival and create trouble to the emperor. Whenever Babilus foresaw any such native, he informed the king, who put such people to death. Pharaohs had faith in their astrologers. Often they were consulted to interpret the dreams of the king.

In *Persia*, the kings honoured the astrologers for their sound knowledge of this science. It is only GJAMASP otherwise known as "AL HAKIM" (meaning 'Learned'), an astrologer in Persian court who precisely predicted the time of birth of the Prophets.

The *Saracens* spread the Science in Spain in 711 A.D. and the North Africans, the *Moors*, in 1,237, carried the science to Europe.

Dr. Brewster admits that in *China* about 2,752 B.C. from the days of King Fohi, they developed astronomy solely for studying astrology; and emperors were chosen according to the profound knowledge possessed by them in astrology. In 2,513 B.C., Cheuni was elected as the King in that manner.

Whenever Alexander the Great went out, he took with him the astronomer Calisthenis in all his campaigns. He spread the science in the East by giving out some of the rational methods adopted there and his visit to India had helped him to learn more and develop it further in his country.

Henry Cornelius Agrippa, born in 1486, was the astrologer to Francis I of France when he was 38 years old. John Dee was the favourite astrologer of Queen Elizabeth. Albu Mezar of Bulah was the professor of Mundane Astrology at Bagdad. The Caliph Mammonarrasheed translated many ancient astrological works into Arabic.

Thus, every nation is to be credited with the knowledge of this Science. It is advisable to learn the

experiences and findings of research workers who had contributed to the technique of correct prediction.

Let me mention the names of a few foreigners who have contributed to the development of this Science. They were not only scholars in Astrology but were renowned and reputed Astronomers, Historians, Philosophers, Physicians and Poets.

Astronomers:	Ptolemy (67 A.D.)	Galileo	Newton
	Pythagoras	Witchel	Brahe 1546
	Kepler (27-12-1571)	Copernicus	Flamstead
Astrologers:	Alan Leo (2-11-1862)	Sepharial	Dr. W. J. Simmonite
	Llewellyn	Cornelius	Hayden
	George	Agrippa	
	Max Heindel	Carter	Parker
	Morirus	Maurice	W. Franland
	Sibley	Wemyss	Raphail
	Regitmantarus	W. Lily	Burtan
	John Dee	Culpter	Junctinus
	Eliashomole	Boreham	Blackwell
	Robson	Zadkie III	Newton
Historians	Diodorus	Coley	Padwal
	Maximus	Josephus	Plutarch
		Suidas	Livy
	Camden	Poiybius	Mela
	Heroditus		
Philosophers	Lilly	Macrobius	Aristote
	Bacon	Thales	Pliny
	Anasagoros	Moore	Tibertus
	Ptolemy	Zenoorates	Meton
Physicians	Hypocrates	Foster	Dodneus
	Avicenna	Mathiolus	Cardanus
	Quien	Joan Dee	Gilbert
	Partridge	Agrippa	Starkey
	Ca. Gen		

Poets	Hypocrates	Foster	Dodoneus
	Avicenna	Mathiolus	Cardanus
	Galen	John Dec	Gilbert
	Partridge	Agrippa	Starkey

In India, it is said that it was the sage Garga who handed down the Science to his disciples. Further, there are recorded evidences that Yavanas were very learned astrologers and that they lived many centuries before Varahamihira, who admired, in his text books, the progress made by the Yavanas in this Science. Yavanas have contributed much for the development of this Science in India. There are records to show that around 3,102 B.C. the Tirvalore Tables were used solely for astrological purposes.

The following list furnishes the names of a few renowned Indian scholars who expounded, explained and interpreted this Science; Garga; Viddha Garga; Asita; Aryabhata; Bhrigu; Brihaspathi; Badarayana; Baradwaja; Bhadalla Devaswami; Devala; Dravyavardhana; Garutman Jeevasaman; Kapila; Kanabuk; Kashyappa; Latacharya; Manu; Manitha; Maya; Parasara; Panlisa Pitamaha-Romaka; Rishiputa; Sidhasena; Simhacharya; Saka; Sapatharishi; Saraswatha; Savitra; Satyacharya; Sidhasena; Yavana-chara; Varahamihira; Bathothpala; Prithuyayas; Vaidyanatha Dikshithar; and many others.

Thus it can be seen that astrology was held in great esteem in all ages by the leaders in other sciences also.

As years passed by, for various reasons this science, which is to live long, and which will surely live long, has lost some of its charms. But science remains ever a science. In every age, a particular science alone receives much attention and is developed, even though every science has its own innate value and is useful to

us. No country had ever passed quiet without any advancement in any branch of science. So in every age any one science may be very popular, whereas the other sciences may be ignored, though not totally forgotten. It is not unlikely that there are people even now whose names would come as a great surprise to all; there will be very earnest and loyal students of astrology who will popularise astrology.

This magazine is published with the sincere desire that Astrology should be made popular. Research has to be done regularly and systematically. There should be fool-proof methods to read accurate results. Students of astrology with half-baked knowledge should be educated and imparted higher knowledge. Their doubts should be cleared. Those who bring ridicule to this noble science should be silenced by producing able astrologers who will give correct knowledge to them. It is only with correct and clear understanding of the subject one can predict astoundingly accurate results, and establish that the noble legacy, astrology, given to us by our forefathers, is indeed a science which is as accurate as any other science. The present position of astrology, in the hands of a number of astrologers, is really deplorable. The excuse may be that there is no proper education to them and hence the result is unsatisfactory. Even when watches are manufactured by any one concern, no two watches agree. If they are manufactured by many, one can guess, how they will be. Similarly, astrologers and a few other professionals usually offer different opinions, confusing the already depressed consultant. *So coaching up of students is absolutely necessary to have the same school of thought.*

In many other countries, astrology is included in the curriculum. It is understood that, in American University, Astrology is included. Also, there are

schools of Astrology in Germany, Switzerland, Holland and France. Scientific circles there, give serious attention to it. Astrologers are today thankful to the Astrological Research Association of New York which publish quarterly (Editor : Charles Jayne), and all Research Scholars are allowed to contribute their articles. Also Dr. B. V. Raman, Bangalore, deserves the Blessings of God to live long and continue to contribute for the progress of Astrology. At present in India, Astrology is like a T.B. patient left uncared for, especially by those who alone can cure. It is handled by a few. Of them, some are avaricious, some others have commercialised it by fortune-telling without the desire to maintain the prestige and utility of astrology. Some alone sacrifice everything for this noble science. The rash and worthless predictions of a few astrologers have debased astrology and these are received with sarcastic smile only to be dismissed.

Some people feel sorry that they consulted "Nadis" written on palmyra leaves by the ancient Rishis of India. It is a fact that the events in the lives of many persons born and yet to be born are found written already by Hindu genius. People who have consulted add that they are dumbfounded with the surprisingly accurate predictions about the past events, but feel upset when the future events fail miserably. This is a common complaint. Thousands of years ago, Rishis wrote these wonderful predictions. When they can be very correct in all the predictions from the time of birth of the native till the date of consultation, why they should fail in their future predictions cannot be explained. I also agree with those who say that this needs proper investigation because there are large number of genuine Nadis and it is likely that a few may be unauthentic ones. The solution can be found easily if the palm leaves are handed over to the consultants, by the owners, who hold the leaves and read out the

results, as if from them. I am confident that if the palm leaves are given to the querist and if the reading of the past and present should agree correctly, the future must be also invariably correct when alone the Nadi can claim to be one of the *genuine documents*. Our sages can never fail in their predictions and they have never failed.

It is not unlikely that a few readers of the palm leaves gain enough knowledge and experience in repeating verses, composed by themselves in no time. A few of them, when they read the past events, have to read very strictly the material as is found in the leaves, because the past has to be correct. Then only, the consultant will hear him further. But when the future is to be read, it is open to doubt as to whether he reads only those materials found on the leaves or he himself coins verses suiting to the taste of the querist. In one case, a consultant and his friend caught hold of such a fraud, the Nadi reader, redhanded, because he had Mahabharatham on hand and read his life by having those leaves on hand, looking at them and turning over page after pages every 5 minutes. It is a pity that the existence of a very few of such people bring ridicule to this *amazing Nadi*.

Another investigation is also to be made to find out whether the documents are genuine. There is the doubt whether the authors, i.e., the sages, knew all languages including Tamil, etc., in South India, as they lived in the North having Sanskrit as the Mother tongue and Nadis are found in all languages. Whatever it is, there are records now, to prove that astrology was practised by many people, thousands of years ago, who could predict even the birth time of a native in 20th century, the place of his birth, names of his parents, occupations, etc., and the events in his life: marriage, profession, foreign journey, property, conveyance, etc. They had such profound knowledge. Now it has

deteriorated to a very great extent, like a multi-millionaire having a few hundreds in the bank. It is more or less in a pitiable condition in India.

In fact, there is probably not one science which is not properly understood, which so many pretend to know, and on which so many are prepared to express an opinion as in the case of astrology.

Westerners are always research-minded. If they find any truth in any statement and if they are convinced, they study it further, and develop it. It may be that there are failures. Yet they consider how it is possible to predict correctly in some cases, and why in other cases there is failure ; and to find out the truth, they make research till something satisfactory is discovered.

Babylonians were observing the stars for more than 4,73,000 years. So says Didorous in his writings in 30 B.C. and they still continue to observe, record and further improve their knowledge in Astronomy which is the complement of the other science, Astrology. I have, so far, been briefly stating the fate of astrology in India and in other countries from the time of Creation till today.

Astrology today is incomplete and needs to be vastly supplemented. No one is in possession of all the findings of our sages ; nor are we blessed with such a Guru who can impart correct scientific knowledge to us. Whatever we may have today is only a part of what they have left behind. A subject taught by a Professor will be complete. We are not fortunate to have such an advantage in our life-time. So with what little literature we possess, we have to understand the fundamental principles and then, by regular and strenuous work, develop it.

Another disadvantage is that in India there are many languages and the subjects are written mostly in verses. The first difficulty is to translate them correctly into the respective languages and get them printed. Hence, all the books that are printed in Tamil, are not found in Gujarati, Marathi, Hindi, Telugu, Kannada or Malayalam. Some books in Gujarathi are not available in Tamil; nor are they heard of by Tamilians.

In each language, only a few books are produced. Many are left out due to various reasons, the main one being the cost of printing and the lack of satisfactory encouragement from any source. Hence the ancient literature available in each place is incomplete like a torn-out Dictionary. It is a part of the whole. This is one of the main reasons why we feel the need to have a study circle and do research.

It is our view that one should know the principles of astrology by studying all the available books written by various authors, both Hindu and Western. We have to collect horoscopes of different people *including twins*, born at *different times* but in the same Latitude and Longitude, births in the same place *at the same time*, and births in different places having similar charts. They have to get particulars of actual facts from them, the nature of events that occurred, and the time of such events. Every method of prediction is to be properly applied in order to see which method is satisfactory in explaining the events in a precise and correct manner. If certain methods appear to offer diametrically opposite results, the astrologer gets an opportunity to do more research with the material available and find out the inner truth of astrology, bring in amendments, and suggest alterations to the original rules or supplement them by the findings which will prove to be correct, when applied to them and



other similar cases. Thus many research workers and publishers have to co-operate, and publish in the present common language English, or in all languages in India so that we can do real service to the public at large.

When we hear complaints from astrological-minded people, we find that they do not ridicule the science of astrology but only those astrologers whom they consulted. The main reason for the failure of most of the astrologers is due to the defects in their method of interpretation and their incapacity to satisfy the qualifications prescribed by Varahamihira.

### Advice to astrologer and administrator

The Sage says: "An astrologer should come from a noble family, should be good to look at, modest in temperament, true, impartial, and with good physique. He has to be active and courageous. He *should be clear in his statement*, witty, sincere and free from vices. He should have no stage-fright. He should worship Devas; observe fast and penance; and must be conversant with astronomy and astrology. In the astronomical science, there are five schools of thought in India: (1) Paulisa, (2) Romaka Siddhanta, (3) Vasishtha, (4) Saura and (5) Paitamaha. The astrologer should be thorough with all the Siddhantas. He must be able to understand the objections and points of differences". He assures that when an astrologer has thoroughly understood the mathematical portion and has acquired the sound principles of astrology, his predictions and teachings *will never fail*.

He asks "How could one who has not understood the spirit of the Sastras, be called an astrologer?" and adds that he is only a fool whose interpretation is just opposite to the principles expounded by our sages and

commits mistakes in his calculations. Varahamihira admits "It is easy for anybody to cross a sea if the breeze is favourable. But it is not possible for a person, who is not a sage, to reach the other shore of the ocean of astrology."

Varahamihira opines that even sages in forests, free from domestic worry, pride and prejudice, welcome the astrologer and without hesitation take interest in astrology when they, by chance, meet any wise astrologer.

He advises the Kings that just as the night does not shine without a lamp and the sky without the Sun, so also the King cannot uniformly have a smooth life. He warns that the Kings will have pitfalls even like a blind pedestrian, if he has no astrologer to guide him properly, well in advance.

Varahamihira reiterates thus: "Therefore a King, who desires to maintain fame and enjoy an all-round success, must engage the services of a few leading astrologers who are not only versatile but also clever, well-versed and skilled in this science of prognostication".

He turns to the people of the nation and goes to the extent of saying, "one who is longing for peace and prosperity should avoid living in a place where no astrologer is available" even as Owaiyar said "Don't live in a place where there is no temple".

Varahamihira fears that a King who does not patronise the astrologers, who satisfy these qualifications, will surely come to grief and will be denied mental solace.

Varahamihira encourages and cheers up such astrologers saying that no man or woman who studies

the science of astrology and divines the course of destiny will be seen in Hell. In this world, by Hell we mean the worry, anxiety, disharmony, depression, disappointment and no ray of hope for redemption. After death none knows what Hell is. It may be again a rebirth to suffer further. Thus astrology does contribute beneficial effects to one and all including the astrologer; in whichever caste or creed the astrologer may be born, it does not matter, he is honoured.

Varahamihira says that the Yavanas were of low birth. When astrology had come to stay with them, they were adored.

Even now, if astrologers of this standard were available, they will be honoured as astrologers, and they can gain much influence and render real assistance to all those who approach them even as a river in spate can quench the thirst of the human beings, animals, birds, aquatics, plants, trees, etc. But a quack is like a deep and dangerous river putting an end to the life of one by wetting the bank; dragging him to the depth, immersing him to the bottom, keeping him there itself for some time, and finally lifting him up to float, dead.

## ASTROLOGY—ITS USE AND LIMITATIONS

Astrology is a highly respected science ; no other method of divination is worthy of mention.

If life's journey can be compared to that of crossing a river, the astrologer can be compared to an experienced boatman. Let us take the experience of one who is crossing a river. When one crosses the river by wading, he finds that the depth of water is increasing. At one stage, when he realises that the current is too strong, he is afraid and unnerved.

Luckily, for him, a boatman is sighted. He calls the boatman and asks, "Sir, can you kindly tell me whether the river is getting deeper and I have to struggle further, or will it be less deep hereafter, so that I can cross the river without fear?"

The boatman who possesses sufficient knowledge replies, "There is no need for fear. You have taken this route (which is your fate). The depth will increase as you proceed only for a short distance. Then fortunately for you, you will meet with a rocky strata where the water will be shallow and thereafter there is no need for anxiety. So, you may carry on."

The traveller gets courage to cross with confidence even the deeper course. Is he not free from anxiety from the moment the boatman gives him the correct knowledge which the passenger does not possess. The boatman does not give him a lift to cross the river by taking him in his boat. He only gives him the knowledge, whereby he gains mental strength. Similarly, the astrologer by his prediction can give the knowledge of the dark future.

Suppose one complains to the astrologer: "I can't understand why God does not help me to get married. I am 37. I am worried. I doubt whether God who created me has completely forgotten my existence. Why do I continue to live alone, I don't know."

The astrologer replies, "Sir, you are destined to marry only at the age of 38. Please wait; you will have your turn only then. However much you try, you can't get married earlier. Saturn delays it till you get dejected."

"Thanks very much. At least you have offered mental solace to me," he says and proceeds on his course.

The Astrologer has given only mental strength. He has not relieved him of his worry by offering a girl.

Another may come and say, "Sir, the pressure from Bank and bankers is unbearable. Such thoughts, as to why I should not commit suicide and put an end to this trouble, always flash in my mind. What do you find in my horoscope? Is there any ray of hope to be free from these worries?"

The astrologer says: "However much you try, you can't clear the loans for a year to come. The bankers will be pressing you. You will somehow manage to give excuses. Days will pass on; next year you will be alright. Your finance will improve so much that you will be able even to lend assistance to others. You may not believe me now. At that time, you will remember astrology."

No doubt, the querist feels as though he has cleared the loan. (No astrologer will give a cheque and give relief, even if the querist, in his confused state of mind mentioned that suicide would solve his problem easily.)

Thus interpreted in all correctness, a knowledge of astrology does afford mental strength to the feeble and weak-minded, solace to the depressed, peace to the anxious and worried, and steadiness to those who are wavering and vacillating in mind. It is a common experience that when troubles come, they come in battalions and the afflicted person gets solace from this knowledge that the time is not far off when his or her troubles would cease to exist. A full-fledged astrologer, capable of handling the subject with meticulous care, helps in no small measure to dispel the fears in the querist's mind and braces him up to face the future with confidence and hope. The astrologer helps one to have a glimpse of the unknown future; the knowledge of Destiny in store for one, stands one in good stead in surmounting difficulties that present themselves. This early knowledge renders it possible for one to reconcile himself to the situation. one finds himself in, and any severe *disappointment is unlikely* since one is briefed as to when one can cherish hopes and the extent one can do so. When Dame Fortune smiles and the world appears to be full of roses, few have any use for the science or for the saying "Man proposes and God disposes." With the frowning of fortune, *egoism mellows down*, and becomes subdued. The knowledge gained through the Science helps one to be level-headed under any circumstances whether affluent or adverse.

The knowledge of the future prompts one to render help to those who are in need, banish evil thoughts from the mind and make efforts to lead a simple, honest and pious life. The saying "Do your duty with sincerity and leave the result to God" holds out a more forceful appeal. Astrology proves that success or failure depends on our previous Karma; sufferings are due to sins committed previously and this thought

## KARMA AND DESTINY

The whole world is a huge theatre. The cinema of life goes on for ever. Every individual is an actor. The past, the present, and the future are already fixed in the roll of the films. The future will be shown in the same order without any alteration, and we enjoy or suffer as time passes on without any modification. The roll of film already taken is according to the Karma done by us in the previous birth and the story is the result in this birth and it cannot be changed.

Karma is a Sanskrit word. "Kri" means 'action' or 'deed'. Any mental or physical action is called Karma. Every action produces its reaction or result which is known as Karma. Thus Karma includes both the action and the result governed by the irresistible law of "Causation."

So under the law of Karma, there is nothing as chance or accident. The so-called chances and accidents are in reality the products of some definite causes which we may not be aware of. That which appears to be accidental or providential to a non-astrological mind is a natural and inevitable incident to an astrologer. Hence, chances, luck or misfortune are governed absolutely by the law of Causation or Karma. God is neither partial nor unjust, and everything happens according to one's own action in the previous birth. Man is completely a puppet in the hands of certain higher agencies. Karma and re-incarnation are like a seed growing into a tree which bears fruits, yielding seeds which in turn produce more trees. The seed is the Karma. The growth of the tree is the life.

As is the seed, so will be the plant that springs out of it.

If one sows paddy, one cannot get wheat. When one sows orange, one cannot get apple. Everyone creates his own destiny. One should realise that, it is because of his own Karma, he suffers. The doctrine of Karma alone explains and reconciles man to the terrible and apparent injustice of life. This knowledge prevents him from cursing life or fellow beings or God. Only the divine doctrine of Karma can explain why people suffer, although they might not have done anything wrong in this life, and they may complain that the stars are bad and that they do not deserve any kind of trouble. Most of us believe that the Planets do not cause luck or ill luck. They only indicate the trend of events in our life. The cause is our Karma. It fructifies by the will of God. Without our previous Karma, God who loves all, who is just and impartial, will not give different results to the people who are His children, or cause troubles to them. You can compare God to rain water which is pure. Rain water enables the seeds to sprout and grow. But some alone thrive, and some die out. This is due to the inherent potency of the seeds. Astrology explains what Karma one should have done in the previous birth and what he should experience in this birth and when.

A surveyor can say that the rain in Mercara will take the course of the river Cauvery and that in Rishikesh will take the course of the Ganges. These courses are earmarked. So also, astrology can offer predictions and also mention who will try to mitigate the afflictions or augment one's luck and who will not make any attempt at all. Every event will take him by surprise.

Destiny can be predicted by an astrologer. The belief that one can modify or nullify the results of Destiny by exercising his will is not correct.



Natal astrology as propounded by the ancient sages is a convincing science, having its foundations on Karma theory ; *it should be possible for the astrologer who interprets it, to read out from the chart, the circumstances under which one is placed, his normal expectations, whether one will make attempts to hoodwink destiny and ultimately the nature of the result and the time of the event.* It is only when the knowledge of astrology gained by one is limited and the interpreter is not fully aware of Karma theory, he gives importance to self-will and offers advice ; he later understands that the native followed his suggestions and ultimately he enjoyed desirable results. He attributes all these to self-will. But he does not realise that what he predicted was incomplete. He has not properly understood the present, the circumstances under which one will be placed, what attempts one will make to alter it by exercising one's will and the ultimate result. *Actually everything is found in the horoscope.* Attributing to self-will is nothing but attachment of importance to one's will and one's own self. Astrology clearly shows that man is postulated as the subject of a certain destiny and human endeavour as the fulfilling of fate.

It may be said, more as a compromise, that man is both a slave of the effects of his past deeds and is a free agent as regards his deeds with are in no way directed to thwart, arrest, alter or in any way modify or remould the effects of his past Karma. The past, the present and the future are all recorded as explained previously in the cine-film. The stars and the planets in their course denote our destinies, not only those fulfilled in the past but also those lying stored up for us in the future.

Able astrologers who have specialised in any branch of the science can boldly declare an event without any doubt and can go to the extent of taking

a challenge that a particular result must happen, mentioning also the time of the event. The following few remarkable examples will convince the readers.

(i) King Vikramathithya had many astrologers in his court. Of them, Mihira was an intellectual giant and the most renowned. He was admired and held in great reverence, not only by Vikramathithya but also by his colleagues and the general public. The King had a son. Mihira cast the horoscope of the Prince. Other astrologers also prepared the boy's horoscope using different systems of calculation—Nirayana, Drik Ganitha, etc. Kalidasa and Vararuchi were in favour of the author of Panchasiddhantika and hence followed Siddhanta or Nirayana.

Whichever system others followed, all of them gave their opinion that the prince would have an anxious time at his age of 18. On the nature of the danger and the cause of death of the Prince, they were not unanimous. Others were of the opinion that this prince might lose his life due to the injuries inflicted by an animal while hunting. But the most learned and wise Varahamihira who enjoyed the blessing of Lord Adhitya, and had Divya Drishti and Vaksiddhi predicted clearly and boldly that the prince would be killed by a Varaha, i.e., a boar at a particular hour on a particular date.

He also said that no human remedies could avert the danger and save him from the jaws of death and that this unpleasant incident could not be altered. He said "AVASYAM ANUBOKTHAVYAM KRITHAM KARMA SUBHASUBHAM", that the prince could not survive even if all the precautions were taken.

Years passed. The prince was maintaining robust health. His surroundings were well guarded even some months prior to the eventful day. On the mor-

ning of the fateful day, the King held a Durbar. A huge crowd was anxiously awaiting. The King requested Varahamihira to verify his calculations and confirm whether the fateful hour would be the same 5.00 P.M. on that day as predicted previously. All had their own doubts, because every precaution was taken by the King. No wild boar or wild animal could have any chance of gaining access to the Prince's palace which was very well protected by a huge army of vigilant warriors. The Prince was asked to take his seat in the seventh floor, and all the stair-cases were fully guarded. The King was confident that his son was safe. So he asked Varahamihira how could his son die from injuries inflicted by a boar, when none would be allowed into the palace and especially when no animal could enter at all. He again requested him to reconsider deeply about his original prediction. The King also declared that he would award the Emblem of our Royal Title "Varaha" to Mibira, if the prediction would prove to be true, because the King wanted to honour this science.

Some minutes passed. Absolute silence prevailed. The whole crowd was eagerly observing Mibira to hear his verdict.

Varahamihira said that he was devoted to Sun God and he is blessed with Vak Siddhi. No mistakes could be committed. Death from the injuries inflicted by a boar was predicted from the Prince's horoscope without any shadow of doubt. *That was the penalty announced by the Planets in the chart, according to the Karma done by the Prince in his previous birth. He repeated that the results of the past cruel Karma speak out through the planetary positions at the time of birth.*

Therefore one should be prepared for the worst in spite of all possible efforts made to hoodwink Destiny.

People, who gathered there, were confident that nothing could happen in such a strictly guarded palace.

At frequent intervals a warrior was asked to give information about the Prince's health. Reports that he was hale and healthy were received regularly. At 5 P.M. one warrior reported that the Prince was alright and the place was peaceful. Sometime later another soldier brought the same news. But Varahamihira did not agree. He calmly said to the King that the Prince had died at the stipulated time and it would be advisable if they would verify. The King kept quiet. Another soldier, after some time, came to the assembly and told that the place was calm and there was no disturbance at all.

The King began to doubt the prediction and again said to Mihira whether there could be any mistake in his calculation. Mihira reiterated that he was dead at the moment he predicted. He further mentioned boldly that the Prince was lying dead in a pool of blood. Probably the watchmen and the companions might not have noticed it. He suggested and persuaded the King to go and see for himself. The King with some important officers went up the stairs, one after another. The King reached the 7th floor. The companions of the prince were deeply absorbed in playing games and did not notice the arrival of the King. On enquiry the King understood that the Prince had been playing with them all along, and that only a little while ago, he had gone out to the adjacent open terrace.

All quickly stepped into the open terrace. Oh God! What a horror! To their great grief, the Prince was lying dead in a pool of blood. They found that his body was injured by the iron claw of an artificial boar. Thus God's will, according to the Karma of the Prince, fructified, as indicated by the

planets, without being averted by the efforts of the King and his subjects. Therefore all events in our life are actually beyond our control and we have to submit ourselves quietly and suffer the consequences of our previous Karma.

[When the palace was constructed, the architect erected a flag staff and fixed an artificial boar made of iron and mortar at the top of the palace even as all the towers in his kingdom had this Royal Emblem. To none, it struck that this artificial Boar might be the cause of the death.

The Prince just before 5-00 P.M. felt uneasy. He went to the open terrace to have fresh air. Exactly at 5-00 P.M. a strong wind broke the post into two and the Boar fell down. It fell straight on the chest of the Prince. The injury was so deep that the terrible loss of blood resulted in his immediate collapse.]

(ii) The prediction of the Soothsayer given to Julius Caesar warning him that on 15th March there was danger to his life as Ides of March were there, proved to be correct. Julius Caesar by staying at home could have avoided it. But this evil incident, which is to happen, induced Brutus to persuade Caesar and take him to the Senate. God gave one more chance to Caesar to pay respect to the prediction. On the way, Caesar again met the Soothsayer who previously predicted the danger. Caesar said to him, "Ides of March are come," i.e., 15th of March was on and the prediction did not come true. The Soothsayer calmly, and with confidence replied "Ay! Caesar but, not gone", i.e., 15th March was not yet over. Actually in a few hours, Caesar was killed by Brutus and the end of Caesar could not be prevented by anybody's will or action; stars give correct indication to correct the non-believers.

"Whosoever may be adopted to any  
Particular event or pursuit will  
Assuredly have the Star indicative  
Thereof very potent in his nativity"

—Ptolemy.

(iii) The Emperor Pareekshit went to the forest and was tired after hunting. He was feeling very thirsty. He got into Angiresh Rishi's ashramam. He was not honoured and attended to immediately by the Sage. He lost his temper. He took the dead skin of a snake, kept it round the neck of the Rishi and returned home. This was found out by the Rishi's son a little later. The boy cursed—rather predicted—that the person who committed this folly would die on the seventh day by snake bite. The King came to know of this curse. He tried to avoid it. Prayers to Lord Krishna, spending all the hours of the day by hearing Bagavatham alone, shifting his place of residence and taking all care, could not help him to outlive the time predicted. Dakshan, the King of the Snakes, bit him and thus ended the life of the Emperor Pareekshit as told by the son of the sage.

Here is an explanation for astrological principle that, whenever Saturn and Kethu conjoin, there is evil. (Saturn stands for "Mouni" or Rishi, and Kethu stands for the Poisonous snake.)

This example is given to show that even after knowing the nature and time of the event, however mighty one may be, he could not alter it.

"Whatever betides, by Destiny it is done ;  
And better bear like men than vainly seek  
to shun."

—Dryden

There is a catalogue of recent instances predicted accurately by a present astrologer. Those desirous to verify can take from the editor of this magazine the address of the astrologer and the party and verify if necessary. A few of them are given for the present: (a) luck; (b) longevity; (c) accident; (d) marriage; (e) incapability to go against destiny.

(1) The astrologer predicted that a native would gain on 8-5-1955 a lump sum for a very small stake in races. The native never used to go to the races. He was well off, highly placed, and never speculative. At the time, when prediction was offered, the astrologer had his own doubts whether the gains without pains would be only through races because the native does not go to races. Yet on 8-5-1955, the officer was persuaded by his friend who had no knowledge about this prediction and was taken by him. The officer was witnessing and enjoying the races all the time. He who took him, without informing the officer, purchased a few sweep tickets and gave one to the officer who reluctantly accepted it and paid its value Rs. 2/-. The event was over. Can you guess what happened? He who purchased the ticket did not gain. But this officer got the first prize of Rs. 4,200/-

(2) A well-known Physician of Madras was ill and the medical experts who attended on him on 6-2-58 gave up hopes. He was very bad then. They all expected his end at any moment. His sons in their anxiety consulted a learned astrologer, who gave in writing that upto 26-6-58 their father would be having indifferent health; in May 1958 his health would be normal and there would be a happy celebration in the family; only on 26-6-58 he would pass away. It will be surprising for the readers to note that every one of these predictions came out very true.

(3) To a Doctor in Saidapet, it was predicted in 1950 that on 19-12-1953 he would meet with an accident and that he would not escape it. On the 19th, he did not go to his consulting hall. He avoided driving his car. He sat comfortably in his easy chair at home and was absorbed in reading a medical magazine. Meanwhile his daughter crawled and went under a cow, in between her four legs. The Doctor, by

chance, noticed it, got alarmed and suddenly got up. The floor slipped and he fell down breaking his left arm. There was the fracture on 19-12-1953.

"It is the Stars, the Stars above us,  
Govern our conditions"

—Shakespeare

(4) A high official in Delhi, now in re-employment in Calcutta wanted to celebrate the marriage of his son with a bride in Madras, though many bride's parties had approached him. The astrologer selected the chart of a bride in Bangalore and said, "This Bangalore bride will be your daughter-in-law and not the one in Madras, though you have decided to have the Madras bride."

He emphatically said, "No, No, No! I am sure, your prediction will fail. Tomorrow the people from Madras are coming to my house for betrothal."

"Dear sir, an ordinary layman's word may fail; but this is an astrological finding. It cannot go in vain. It is certain that, even if Thirunethran were to bless you all, you cannot have the Madras bride as your daughter-in-law."

The next day dawned. The stipulated time was fast approaching; they were eagerly awaiting the party's arrival. The time fixed had come. Every minute appeared to be an hour. The Muhurtha time had passed.

The astrologer's words were ringing in his ears. He became restless. He was speculating. But the astrologer's friend who was also there told that he was sure that the bride's party would not turn up; for he had so much faith in that astrologer and in the Science. The officer decided to ascertain this, and he phoned. He was informed by a third party that there was a calamity in the bride's house and, taking it as an ill omen, they decided not to proceed further in the matter.



The same day, the officer came to the astrologer's residence and said that one part of the prediction had come true while the other remained to be tested. Days passed on and as already predicted, his son got married in that particular week, to the beautiful Bangalore bride.

Astrology offers astounding predictions. Laymen need not be disappointed by the unexpected events if one's destiny is already known; he can take it easy, be calm, and lead a peaceful life.

(5) Here is an instance where a rich, strong-willed businessman miserably failed to maintain his word.

On 10th July, 1958, the same astrologer was consulted by a businessman in Madras in regard to his illness. It was classified as a complicated disease by the medical experts after careful clinical examination. It was predicted that he would be in bed till 20th of the month, i.e., for another 10 days, though his temperature would come down to normal on 16th he could attend to his business on and

Actually his temperature came to normal on 16th and he was picking up health. On the 28th, he invited the astrologer and said: "The prediction as regards my ailment has come true. In spite of expert treatment, the high temperature has persisted. I was in the hands of Karma. So I had to suffer. I suffered. But mind you! I have decided on not going to my office today and attending to my business. Going or not going to office is entirely in my hands. You say that everything is destiny. I can shape my destiny here, by exercising my will."

The eventful day came. It was passing on. At 00 P.M., from his office there was an urgent call to the businessman asking him to come to office at once. He had to go. He did go to his office at 3-00 P.M. that day.

Immediately he phoned to the astrologer and said, "Hats off—Astrology has won; I am now phoning from my office."

That, even in such minor affairs, one cannot exercise his will and change the destiny, is proved beyond doubt.

(6) The same astrologer was giving a lecture in Bharateeya Vidya Bhavan, Delhi, at 6-00 P.M. on a Thursday in September 1962. One gentleman came to him and interrupted in the middle, saying "Sir, a week ago I lost a purse containing Rs. 827/- in the Bazaar street. I consulted a few; all were of opinion that it was lost once for all—May I know whether I can get it back or is it a total loss to me?"

The astrologer asked for a number, explained it to the students and said:—

"Sir, you will be getting it intact next Wednesday. It has been picked up by a Banker or an Advocate or Professor. This news will appear in the papers and you are definitely getting your purse back."

The next Wednesday, the gentleman got back his purse as predicted, bought sweets and distributed the same to the students. He said, "Sir, your prediction is wonderful. A Professor had found it and handed it over to me intact only today, Wednesday."

As I am not writing a folio, I shall content myself with the above examples where I have made it clear that Destiny is unalterable and astrological predictions correctly presaged must come true.

(The horoscopes of the above people will be published and how the predictions were offered will be explained in the following

Can any one offer any other explanation for the following except that all were due to their stars, otherwise called "Fate", "Destiny" or "Karma?"

(1) Rama to go to forest, to fight with Ravana and then only have his coronation, attended by Hanuman.

(2) Dharmaputhra to lose even Droupathi in the games and she to be put to shame, etc.

(3) Nalan to play games; bet, lose everything, go to forest, desert his wife Damayanthi, that too, at dead of night, and serve as a cook.

(4) Pattinathar, a sage, who relinquished all his wealth, etc., and came out to spend a strict spiritual life, was wrongly accused of theft and taken to gallows.

If we judge without any prejudice from what Pattinathar and others had emphatically said, we find the unshakable truth

"Oh! Lord! Nothing is in my hands, all happen according to your decree. In this birth, to the best of my knowledge, I have not even dreamt of any evil to anybody nor committed any sin at all. Even then, if I am punished now, for no fault of mine, I realise and declare that this is *only due to the Karma I might have done in the previous birth.*"

Therefore Natal astrology is one of the branches of this Science which proves beyond doubt that the results we enjoy, experience, or hear are all due to previous Karma. These results are interpreted by studying the phenomena in the Heavens and also the events on earth.

### Branches of Astrology

The various branches of astrology are:

(a) Medical astrology or astro-pathology;

- (b) Astro-meteorology ;
- (c) Mundane astrology or Judicial astrology ;
- (d) Natal astrology ;
- (e) Horary astrology ;
- (f) Electional astrology ;
- (g) Kabala astrology ;
- (h) Kerala astrology ;
- (i) Omens.

(a) *Medical Astrology :*

Health is wealth. Money can make many things when one desires and acts; but God can offer everything whether one wants it or not, according to one's Karma done in the previous birth. God may bless one with money, but at the same time the native may have to suffer any one of the incurable, chronic and loathsome diseases according to his destiny. Hence the greatest problem which is to be faced by human beings is the maintenance of good health. To have immunity and resistance against infectious diseases, and a certain cure for the disease from which one suffers, one consults the medical expert. Astrologers opine that a physician can safely administer medicine if he is acquainted with astrology. This means that, in the absence of astrological knowledge to start with, the doctor has often to proceed only by trial and error methods and apply remedies by rule of thumb till he had eliminated many diseases, by varied examinations and ascertained the precise nature and cause of the disease. But if he were to know astrology, he can locate the part of the body affected, detect the disease and select the opportune time for treatment. This will bring good name, fame and satisfactory remuneration to the doctor and also restore the patient to normal health;

otherwise, the patient will have to become a guinea-pig for experimental tortures. This will result in loss of time and often in loss of life; it will end in a loss to the nation also. But if a doctor knows astrology and medicine sufficiently well, he will prove to be a really successful practitioner. Hippocrates, renowned as the "Father of Medicine", has stated "A physician cannot safely administer medicine if he is not acquainted with astrology." Medical astrology is concerned with the diagnosis of diseases, the methods of healing, the time of the onset of the ailment, the duration of the disease and the psychiatric aspects that may influence the progress and prognosis of the diseases.

Fortunately for the public in America, there are many physicians and surgeons who have learnt astrology and make use of this knowledge with pleasant, successful and gratifying results. There are astrological schools in U. S. A. and Europe with medical astrology as one of the subjects. They consider this as a very important branch of astrology which needs the combination of an astrologer and a physician who will enjoy success in his life. He can choose an auspicious time to begin treatment, to mix, dispense and administer medicine, to do operation, to discharge from the nursing home, etc. After he has thoroughly studied astrology, he will feel very happy when he is capable of differentiating the pulmonary affection of a patient. He can say whether one suffers from cold and cough or dry cough or from Eosinophilia or Asthma or T. B. or Pluerisy or Bronchitis or Pneumonia, etc. It is easy to predict whether one suffers from mumps, or measles, or chicken pox or small-pox. It is not difficult to say whether one has only menstrual trouble or must have the uterus removed or the suffering is due to fibroid tumour or cancer. Such a good knowledge of astrology would be a great asset to him. Further, by finding out when and where an epidemic may rage, the

Institutes of Preventive Medicine can manufacture prophylactic vaccines and the Public Health Department can educate the public and carry on mass inoculation; exercise extra care on proper sterilisation and supply of wholesome water; do away with wells not in use and also take other precautionary measures if it is a water-borne disease. There need not be so much rush to hospitals; bed will be available without difficulty. There will be no necessity to extend the hospitals and increase the beds; also to experience the dearth of doctors and nurses. A wise astrologer, in his own way, may consider that he is superior in intellect to a medical man in quickly diagnosing the nature of the disease, the duration of ill health and the final result. If one is found in the street unconscious, a medical attendant is to smell the mouth, to know whether the patient is drunk, to feel the belly to ascertain whether it is food poisoning, or to record his temperature to find out whether it would be a sun-stroke, or guess whether it could be due to exhaustion after much of exertion, or whether it is due to hysteria, epilepsy, etc. He guesses to start with, and tries to do good to the patient, by administering a medicine. But an astrologer remaining in a place, many miles away, even without seeing the patient, by phone, can mention the cause of his unconsciousness which will be found surprisingly true and later confirmed by the doctor attending on him.

Astrology is such a wonderful science which, when practised properly, gives good health, reduces medical bill, increases longevity and minimises mortality. Only when such good is to be enjoyed by the people, the or will produce wise astrologers.

Now, one may ask, "How will it be possible for one to avoid disease, if he is destined to suffer?" I do agree. But at the time when medical astrology will be

introduced in medical colleges and all will become wise Astrologers as well as Physicians, the sufferings will naturally get reduced. Such a day will surely come. It is coming.

Now the new era is fast approaching—the dawn of the aquarian age. Aquarius is ruled by Uranus. This produces supremely intelligent and wise astrologers with intuition and introspection to offer amazing predictions. Aquarius is the best sign for grand success in research, especially in the useful branches of science, as it produces good reasoners, both theoretical as well as practical with radical and advanced ideas and with good mentality.

The aquarian age has not yet started. It is fast approaching. The vernal equinox is now at  $6^{\circ} 44'$  of Nirayana Pisces (Meena). So it is in Uthara Pathrapada star. Hence Jupiter's beneficial aspects are waning, while the aspects of Saturn and Venus are becoming more and more prominent.

We are aware that in India *early* marriage was in vogue till 1930 and thereafter, it has been declared a crime, as the age limit of the couple for marriage has been raised by legislation. It is plain to a non-astrologer that the Government is responsible for this. But ask an astrologer, "Is it because of the Government's initiative the age limit is raised?" "No," will be his emphatic reply. He will add that as time passes, according to the fate of the subjects in a nation, as indicated by the age of the world, the mind of the authorities will get so changed that they would decide and act in a manner indicated by Planets which can be read with a knowledge of astrology. They may attribute this as though they have done it, without realising that it is the unknown force (due to the effect of the fate of the future subjects) which made them do so. With the knowledge of astrology, much of the

unknown will become known, the mysterious will become plain and correct light will be shed. Aquarius (Kumbha) according to Hindu sages, is governed by Saturn. Pisces (Meena) is ruled by Jupiter (Guru). It is a common question put by the parents to the astrologers "When do you find Guru Balam (i.e., beneficial effects of Jupiter) to my daughter or boy to celebrate marriage." By that, one can understand that we believe in the beneficial (Jupiter) Guru's strength to have the marriage arranged by parents and celebrated in youth or at least immediately after one attains the age of maturity. As the Sayana Aries (Mesha) 0° in the 20th century coincides with the commencement of the second pada or quarter of Uthrapathrapada or Uthrattadhi Nakshathra (Star) ruled by Sani and the sub by Sukra (Venus), the age limit has to be raised. Further, malefic Sani (called a temptor) shows delay, crosses, disharmony, disappointment and divorce; also secret pleasant activities by a few or increase in the number of inter-caste marriages by throwing away the tradition, are all due to this astrological fact based on the astronomical phenomena.

It is evident that the sub of Venus (Sukra) has improved all his domain.

Venus is the chief governor for *Music*. In olden days, to hear one good musician was once in a blue moon, a rare occurrence, whereas now we have television, transistors, radios, gramophone, tape-recorders, cinema, drama and what not. Many music colleges have been opened which have produced large number of good musicians night and day in every nook and corner of the world; even when we sail or travel, we hear music relayed from all over the world in various languages.

Venus is the Karaka for *Vahana* and transport. Let us consider how many kinds of conveyances cur



forefathers had. Are we not enjoying the benefits of cycles, motor cycles, scooters, cars, lorries, steamers, aeroplanes, helicopters, etc., thereby covering long distances in a very short time.

Venus is the chief ruler of *ladies*. Was there any association or club for them in ancient days? Was it not rare to see ladies in the colleges, lady doctors in hospitals and lady officials in offices? We have heard of Queens alone. Now, how advanced ladies are, having co-education and working alongside men in offices!

Thus it will be seen that all changes that we observe are in accordance with the Great age of the Earth.

Therefore, it is certain that at the time when actually the aquarian age runs, i.e., in about 475 years, astrology will regain popularity and this knowledge will be used to the utmost advantage of the people. It is not unlikely that the people attribute the advantages to astrology. But, actually the aquarian age will reduce the number of patients and produce many wise astrologers and physicians with correct intuition. As Aquarius opposes Leo, most of the deaths will be sudden, due to heart failure, only at the age indicated in the chart. As Leo represents heart, Aquarian age decreases the number of deaths due to prolonged and lingering diseases and increases sudden, pleasant end.

Thus, when medical astrology finds general support and every medical expert is also a wise astrologer, *we can take it for granted that the Aquarian age has commenced and diseases will be kept under control* and a few hospitals will be converted as Hostels for students of astrology

(b) **Astro-Meteorology:** Astro-Meteorology is useful for predicting the condition of the weather. This has received considerable attention in other countries.

where they have found it to be very useful. It assists in pre-planning and thereby preventing any catastrophe which may otherwise befall, such as heavy rains, causing floods and breaches, or drought leading to poor crops, famine, polluted water and epidemic.

No useful purpose will be served by complaining against anybody or criticising any department. One can observe daily the weather reports given by meteorologists. None can claim that they are hundred per cent correct. One should admit the limitations and one is to recollect the proverb "to err is human". "Sudden changes of weather, unexpected depression in the bay, storm, etc., are divine." Meteorologists cannot give years or months or weeks in advance, when and where one can expect breaches due to downpour of rain. Nor can they say in which year there will be no rain so that intermittently restricted quantity of water may be supplied, commencing fairly early to avert the drought. But astrology can give correct picture, years in advance, provided some more research is carried out by the intelligent, able and learned astrologers.

This branch of science is becoming popular in other countries. It has been developed to a marvellous degree of accuracy by a number of research workers. It has no connection whatsoever with the common almanacs published by the Government Weather Bureau. One of the greatest of astrologers, Llewellyn George says, "It is only a matter of time, however, when nations generally will recognize this information and include it in their present calculations, thus making their system more practical, serviceable and efficient." Indeed, this branch will benefit the Government, the Agriculturists and the Engineers to a great extent.

(c) **Judicial Astrology:** Judicial Astrology is a branch of this science which gives knowledge to predict

important events which a country will pass through ; i.e., wars, earth-quakes, financial improvement or crisis, losses by fire, floods, famine, etc., can be foreshadowed. At present, Judicial astrology is not complete and exhaustive ; it may be said that it is yet in a preliminary stage. It has to be developed to a very great extent to offer useful predictions, when alone the public can take advantage of such clear and definite forecast.

With the knowledge that one can gain with the present literature it is impossible to predict *exactly in which quarter a particular trouble or calamity can be expected*, by *whom, why and when* ? But it will be vague. An astrologer cannot but mention many alternatives. That is why a few make sad confusions while predicting. The rules are too intricate to admit of clear definition and too contradictory to be easily and perspicuously reconciled.

Every sign indicates many countries, and many towns. The whole world has 5 continents each of which has many countries, innumerable cities, and just like stars, countless villages. The localities are many. But the signs are only twelve. So all these are to be indicated by these twelve signs only, i.e., let us imagine that letters are written and posted to people in each town in various countries in the world. The postal department has only twelve bags called Aries (Mesha), Taurus (Rishaba), Gemini (Mithuna) and so on, upto Pisces (Meena). So they have to sort suitably letters to all these localities in these 12 bags only. Each bag will be filled with many letters to various places. Similarly, all these towns and countries are to be distributed in among these twelve signs, and each sign, therefore, has to indicate many localities, e.g., Aries (Mesha) denotes Burgundy, England, Denmark, Germany, Palestine, Syria, etc., and many towns. If

Aries is afflicted, normally, what is it, that one can predict. Any or many of these places will have some trouble or other with many alternatives mentioned. *None can predict precisely the exact place and the particular nature of trouble* that one can expect and when, except to guess or to give confusing or vague predictions. Clear and definite predictions alone will be of immense use.

Generally, the tendency and ambition of an astrologer is to make attempts to predict events in every branch of astrology. The ambition will be achieved and it will prove to be beneficial if one specialises in any one branch and gains some knowledge in the other branches also. Then alone one will be able to offer clear and correct predictions which the Government and the public can take advantage of.

Let us take medicine; medical experts specialise in any one branch and contribute their mite; some specialise in optical surgery; some in E.N.T.; some in pulmonary diseases; some cardiac; some leprosy; some osseous system; some nervous system; some circulatory and so on. Why? Because they have realised the fact that it is difficult to master every branch by one and the same person in one's life-time. Trying to master everything, they may not know anything useful to the patient.

Similarly, let us consider Engineering. How many branches there are; e.g., mechanical, automobile, aeronautic, electrical, civil, public health, etc. Any one branch specialised means sound knowledge to the student in that branch and advantage to the public. Therefore astrologers also should specialise before offering predictions in any one of the branches and even there, understand the insufficient data to give definite prediction, being aware of their limitations.

Such astrologers, no doubt, will restore the reputation of the noble science. Astrology.

One or two predictions by a few astrologers may be taken for our consideration to judge whether these are in any way helpful or really harmful. One astrologer says that *the configurations of the Planets in 1962-63-64 must be considered together. In many countries, crime wave and criminal activities will reach a new height. A few countries will witness famine conditions for some reason or other. Earthquake in some places will cause damage to property. Of course, in the countries and places wrecked by natural catastrophe, criminal activities also will prevail on a large scale.*

The above is the prediction. Nowhere, the unexpected trouble we encountered in October 1962 which is the first of its kind, was mentioned clearly (giving at least the week when such a difficulty could be expected and exactly from which source and why from that quarter alone.) But it is said that *there will be in this year, very disastrous Natural catastrophes like earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, storms, excessive and untimely rain and snowfall, high death rate and many accidents; how many alternatives!* "Oh! God," says the reader. *He asks why can't one definitely state which of these troubles is to be expected and where. How can a reader select any one of these?* By offering such predictions, do not they unnecessarily create panic and fear in the minds of the general public, whereas astrology is intended more to give useful information, mental solace and encouragement? Is it not a *Psycho-therapy*?

Astrologers should not afflict the public with the terrors of severe issue. Even when one is confident about one's predictions, one should convey them with sympathetic concern, in a mild tone, the

seriousness of the event but should not omit to make mention of it. Also a few readers may feel that the astrologers need not offer such useless predictions with thousands of alternatives.

Another takes a few horoscopes to read the fate of a country. One horoscope is said to be that of India. The other is claimed to be that of Independence. The third is mentioned as that of a ruler and so on. He mentions a series of calamities taking into consideration any one of the three horoscopes. And analysing another horoscope, he gives courage saying **that India will be left unscathed**. When one waits and sees, the country had for the first time in the same month the unprecedented experience, the invasion by a neighbouring country, and vital changes in the administration also.

If one were to predict bad events, considering any one horoscope and also say that there is nothing to worry by reading another chart, the reader is not benefited. He does not know which is to be taken. Either we will have trouble or we will be left unscathed. Such a prediction reminds one of the tactful astrologer who mentions to the husband of an expectant lady that his wife would give birth to a boy, and to the expectant mother, a girl. The readers request the astrologer, who is capable of predicting precisely, to offer definite predictions and avoid vague tones which are not really useful but actually harmful.

Honestly we have to realise our limitations while offering prediction with the knowledge that can be gained with the literature available at present; also the necessity to mention thousand alternatives. We all know that one cannot give clear, correct and precise predictions as this branch of science is incomplete.

However, some learned scholars were nearly correct in a few predictions, showing that the judicial astrology is correct though incomplete. There are many instances. But a few alone are given :

William Lily predicted that there would be a fire accident in 1666 in London, which came true. The Japanese Royal astrologers correctly predicted Japan's victory over Russia in 1905. America was warned in 1907 that it would face financial crisis which came true. Dr. B. V. Raman had offered many wonderful predictions which came to pass ; it was not that there was no failure in their predictions. Failure, if any, was due to the difficulty with this branch of science which is incomplete. These should be taken by the students of astrology as opportunities for earnest and intelligent research.

They have to note down, the dates when some events happened in their country, the Planetary positions on those dates, and apply the astrological principles. Only after many instances, one can judge *which sign and which degree and minute* in it, represents a town and this finding is absolutely necessary to minimise the alternatives. Now we are not in possession of such data to offer clear predictions and hence any prediction now given includes many alternatives.

There is another problem for research. About one hundred years ago, when astrologers predicted taking Virgo or Capricorn for India, they predicted that India would face some difficulties as these signs are afflicted. At that time, the prediction included sufferings of the people in the present Independent India and the partitioned Pakistan also, since both were ruled by one King and the boundary of India then included Pakistan. Now also, the same signs are to be taken for India and Pakistan and any prediction that India will be in danger, will apply to Pakistan also.

It may be argued that either the Independence Chart or the formation of the Ministry or the chart of the Minister may be taken as the basis for prediction. Consideration of so many charts will lead to contradictory indications and indefiniteness in the predictions.

Unless this branch is very well developed, one need not attach much weight to the predictions offered and get confused. A reader poses the following question to the astrologer who offers prediction. "All know that there was earthquake in Bihar. Did any one predict that Bihar alone will be afflicted and not Benares, Bhopal or Baroda? The combination of the planets or their disposition is the same for all these places. Then why should Bihar alone face this calamity?" No explanation can be offered, as to why Bihar alone should be victimized. *Because, nowhere it is mentioned that Bihar which is in a particular latitude and longitude on Earth, is represented by a particular declination and right ascension in the Zodiac. This branch of science to that extent is incomplete.* If every locality is allotted a particular position in the Zodiac, one can easily predict with confidence about a particular locality, say Bihar. Such finding alone will be useful to the public and to the Government.

It is hence necessary to complete this branch by systematic and methodical research. Till that time, it will be advantageous if one confines to the extent to which definite predictions can be offered.

It may be mentioned here that on 7-5-62 the Delhi Edition of Indian Express published a feature about an astrologer that, in the course of his lectures at the Bharatha Vidya Bhavan, Delhi, on 27-4-61, he had predicted that the share market would tumble down after 15-10-62 due to some evil in the North.



But as he was not sure about the nature of the evil, he had mentioned a few alternatives in the light of literature available at the time. It will be of interest to know that, in this magazine, research on mundane astrology carried out by Mod-Ast-Res-Institute, Madras will regularly appear and on those occasions, when clear predictions can be offered, they will be published well in advance for the benefit of all.

### Natal Astrology

Natal astrology concerns largely with the life of human beings. A chart is made out for the moment of birth and for the particular place of birth (Latitude and Longitude being taken for calculation).

From such a chart, one can read all events about the native: his character, temperament and peculiarities, longevity, condition of health, accident, proneness, finance and fortune, marriage, birth of children and also his prosperity or adversity. Moreover, the actual date of any occurrence in his life can be calculated. Thus natal astrology is very useful for one and all, whether he is born a King, a Kubera, or a beggar; for health and longevity are precious to every individual. Fortune, prosperity, and above all, peace of mind and happiness are desired by all. Hence natal astrology is the most useful branch of this science and therefore, it behoves all of us to support and encourage genuine research, by trained workers and scholars, to bridge the incomplete phases in this, just as in every other branch of science.

It is a fact that 100% correct predictions cannot be given with the literature available and with the knowledge that we may gain by studying them alone. It is only by plodding, persevering and patiently carrying out research that one will be able to fill up the gap,

supplement, improve, and make it perfect. One of the sub-branches of Natal Astrology may be discussed for the consideration of the readers.

The sub-branch, taken up for discussion, is called "Gochara Phalan" by the Hindus. Westerners call it "Transit". Let it be stated, with great humility, for the information of the readers, that the method of prediction adopted by research scholars is, in a way, an improvement over the application of the general principles of astrology handed down to us by our ancient sages and scholars.

In the Western System, the astrologers take the radical position of the Sun at the time of birth and consider the relative positions of the Planets transiting in the Zodiac and give their predictions. In India and in the Hindu System, the position of the Moon at the time of birth of the native is taken as the starting and determining point to which the transiting positions of the Planets are related, and according to their relative positions, we read the results and say whether the time is auspicious or not. Both the methods will be found to be incomplete and therefore the percentage of failures is bound to be large. This cannot be of much advantage to those who desire to know their future.

(A) **The Western System:** Let us take for example, two persons who are born in different years but on the same date; say 1st May, 1920 and 1st May, 1921 respectively. Suppose the person born on 1-5-20 asks an astrologer whether he will come out successful in the elections. If the astrologer were to predict that at the time of elections, the relative positions of the planets transiting then in the Zodiac are very favourable, *compared to the position of the sun* at the time of birth of the native, then he declares that he come out successful. Similarly, the same opinion

must be offered to the other who is born on 1-5-21, as he also has the Sun in the same position as the one born on 1-5-1920. Suppose both of them stand for election to the same seat in the same locality, how is it possible for both to win? Only one of them can win, while the other must lose. We should, therefore, consider how far this method of prediction alone is useful.

Again, suppose one was born on 17th July 1906 and another on 17th July 1910 and both were playing cards or one borrows money from the other or one gives alms to the other. In playing cards, one gains, the other loses. In lending money, one parts with money while other receives it, thereby the lender's financial position deteriorates and that of the borrower improves. In giving alms, one donates and the other receives. Please note that both parties were born on the same date (though in different years) and the position of the Sun in either case was in the same sign and in the same degree. On the basis of the principles followed by Westerners, according to the relative position of the transit of the Planets to that of the Sun alone at the time of birth, diametrically opposite results cannot be foretold.

**(B) The Hindu System :** Similarly, in the Hindu System also, it is difficult to explain quite opposite results experienced by people born in one and the same rasi, i.e., when the Moon was transiting a particular constellation.

Suppose two people were born on different dates, even in different years, when the Moon was transiting Bharani star, i.e. (Aries) Mesha Rashi, and both have a dispute. Finally one comes out victorious while the other gets defeated.

Again, suppose a plaintiff in a law-suit is born in Bharani star, the defendant and the Judge also happen to

be born in Bharani. Now let us consider the result. One of the two, born in Bharani star gets the favourable judgment, while the other is vanquished and the third Bharani delivers the judgment.

Two girls are born in Rohini star. One gets married in a particular year and the other gets married the next year. In such a case, one can find the reason for it from the positions of the Lords of 2, 7, and 11th houses in the chart in each of the horoscopes, and to the relative position of the planets transiting in the Zodiac. The planets promise marriage to the former in a particular year, while they deny marriage to the other in the same year. They portray the wedding only in the following year.

Thus we find that, even though both are born in the same star, events occur on different dates. This is due to the relative positions of the relevant planets at the time of birth and those transiting in the Zodiac.

Suppose one collects the charts of many couples who get married on a particular day in a given place, village or town. One notes down their birth dates and birth stars. It will be revealed that the position of the Sun in their charts is in all the 12 rasis and of the Moon in all the 27 stars. It will be found that not only Aswini star people get married on any one day, or only Bharani people, but that people born in all the months of the year and under all the 27 stars, may get married on the same day.

So, to predict the Gochara or transit results taking only the star into consideration is also incomplete. That is why general predictions, the rasi-palans published in the dailies, weeklies, and monthlies vary even in the essentials so widely and erratically that they give room to the public to ridicule the noble science.

Therefore, there should be a fool-proof and accurate method by which a correct prediction can be given. For doing this, a complete chart is first of all necessary and Gochara Palan alone will not be sufficient.

The public may ask : “ Why then such an incorrect chart is handed down to us ? ” The answer is that it is not incorrect but only incomplete. It appears that, if one knows only his date of birth or only his birth star (nakshatra), he too may desire to have a prediction offering him mental solace. Astrology includes also psycho-theraphy; it should be able to give mental strength to people to pass the lethargic days with hopes of better days to come. To such people only this method may be used to offer predictions which will be true to a limited extent. For others, a thorough study of the horoscope including transit of Planets, is necessary.

Actually, if the improved principles which will be enunciated in detail in the succeeding issues are followed, taking the position of each Planet in the chart of the native into account, the predictions offered will be found to be correct. A cent per cent success is assured by taking the position of all the Planets including Uranus and Neptune, as well as that of the most sensitive point, Fortuna, at the time of birth of the native and the position of the Planets transiting in the Zodiac along with the several aspects that are being formed, and then offering the results of the investigation. Here also a modification is needed. Details of such modification will be elaborately published in the following issues.

Let us compare the position of the transiting planets to the position of the Moon or the Sun at the time of the birth of the native ; you will find

that in all positions on different dates, wedding was celebrated for one or other born under the same star or on the same date.

Here also, one may conclude that the science is incomplete. But, when we apply the method to be published, it will be clear that there is not even one per cent error. Everything comes out very accurately, which will prove that astrology is a really wonderful science, given only to the few who have Divine Grace. So one should consider the positions of all the Planets at the time of birth and assess them in relation to the relative positions of all the Planets transiting in the Zodiac at any future predicted date.

The Western and the Hindu systems of predictions based on the transits of Planets fail in many cases whether referred either to the Sun or to the Moon alone.

Let me give an example to prove that the ascendant is also important. Also it will be proved how the ascendant and the Moon change the nature of the event and one's reaction. To start with, if one studies both the ascendant and the Moon's position of a native together, instead of the Moon alone (i.e., Rasi), one will find that the results vary.

Suppose one bets in a race and makes some money: naturally he should feel happy, but in practical life, he is somewhat worried and dissatisfied because he had missed an important winner, he was sure about. When this chart is examined, it will be found that the ascendant had only a moderately beneficial aspect, while the Moon had an unfavourable one. Therefore his attempts had been successful only to a limited extent due to the mild aspect of the Ascendant (Lagna) which made him mentally ill at ease as the Moon's aspect was

unfavourable Another person goes to the race course and loses a few hundreds. But he comes out merrily saying, "Better luck next time." Why? He had a particular horse in mind but at the time when he betted, he deliberately changed over to another horse, a fluke, as they say. He did it with the fullest knowledge that he was taking a chance. He lost because his Ascendant was in evil aspect. But the Moon was in a beneficial aspect and so he did not mind the loss and he expected to win later.

Again, where both the Ascendant and the Moon have evil aspects, a man's attempts fail and he mopes; where both the ascendant and the Moon's positions are in good aspect, he wins and feels elated.

This is one of the many fundamental points that should be noted. Even though the Moon's position remains the same, if the Ascendant were to be different, the results will vary also and hence we have to take the Ascendant primarily and then only the Moon, the Sun, and the other Planets, their lordships and occupations, in order to know the correct results.

One more example will confirm that Gochara Palan arrived at by taking the date of birth, etc., the Sun's position alone or Moon's position alone will not be correct in all cases. Let us take the date of birth and also the star of birth of all the students who are declared successful in any given Public Examination—several thousands of the students sit for the same examination on a particular day and their results are published at the same time. It is no wonder that people born on all dates, having the Sun in all the 12 rasis and born under all the 27 stars with the Moon in all the 12 signs are found to have passed. If we collect the charts of those who have failed, it will be found that they were also born on all days of the year and under all the 27 stars. This

particular aspect has been the subject of detailed research by the Modern Astrological Research Institute, Saidapet, Madras and New Delhi and the findings will be given at length with adequate explanatory notes in the forth-coming issues.

I had occasion to see the horoscopes of two people who happened to be twins. These twins along with some other candidates appeared before a Committee for an interview. One of the twins was selected while the other was not, though their birth charts were more or less the same, as they were born in the same sign as Lagna, with the same position of Planets. Why should these two people born with a difference of only 24 minutes have different results. The Ascendant was in the same sign and all the Planets were occupying the same sign in both the charts. Therefore the relative positions of the Planets to that of the Lagna sign or Ascendant were the same. This is Sthulam. But when the precise degree of the ascendant is considered as also the exact positions of the Planets and calculations made according to the Western System, i.e., the actual relative positions between the Ascendant and the Planets, it will be seen how the aspects that are being formed by the Planets to the Ascendants vary. This is the real cause for such varying results.

For transitory results, Fortuna deserves serious attention as it indicates certain results which are not shown by the aspects formed by the transiting planets to those in the natal chart.

When it is found that the results enjoyed by people born within a few minutes of each other show diametrically opposite results, we should try and find out the factor which is so fast moving as to cause opposite aspects and bring about such different effects.



All research scholars will surely declare that the fast changing Ascendant and Fortuna cause different aspects and produce different results. If therefore Fortuna is also included in all calculations and predictions offered, there can be no great room for disappointment.

My readers will do well at this stage to pause and ponder over the significant truths, placed before them in the preceding paragraphs. That Astrology, no doubt, is an accurate science can be proved by taking the following instances.

Identical results are enjoyed by people whose birth took place at the same minute, in the same Latitude and Longitude. I place before the readers in a tangible and systematic form my reasons :

The first instance relates to two persons born at the same time and who both got married to two career girls who were earning. They had no children but both couples were very fond of domestic pets, cats and dogs. The two males were lecturers producing identical results, with equal interest in politics, philosophy and religion. Minor events also in their lives were also strikingly similar ; for example, both suffered from toothache at the same time and on the same day. Yet, the two male partners were in no way related to each other and hailed from widely separated places.

Another instance is about two men born in the same village who narrated their experiences after they had lived there for a fairly long time. Their temperaments, behaviour and character were identical. Both had pleasing manners, were always cheerful and never rude to anyone. Both were robust in health and whenever one fell ill, the other also ailed from the same disease. Each of them lost a child in the same month, and had the same number of children. One

was a journalist, while the other was a writer of fiction. Mercury, Mars and Jupiter were the signs who ruled over their professions. The culmination in this extraordinary similarity was in the death of these two natives on the same day.

Yet another instance relates to a report that appeared in a foreign journal in 1820. It mentioned that Samuel Hennings died at the age of 82. He was born on 4-6-1738 at a place situated in the same Latitude and Longitude, as King George III, who ascended the throne in October 1760; Mr. Hennings was then an independent business-man. King George III got married on 8-9-1861 and on the same day Mr. Hennings took Elsie for his wife. Both had the same number of children of each sex. Both were long-lived and died at the same hour on 2-9-1820.

Instances can be multiplied for such remarkably coincident happenings. The principles governing such events will be explained later.

## WHAT THE STARS SAY?

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Generally, the predictions are offered by taking the position of either the Sun or the Moon at the time of one's birth and referring to the position of the Planets transiting in the Zodiac. Some laymen are confused when they find that the predictions are given by a few, according to the date of birth and by others according to the Rasi and Nakshathra. The date of birth indicates the position of the Sun, whereas the star and rasi refer to the position of the Moon at birth.

If one knows only the date of birth, one can refer to the sign in which Sun will be found on that date.

If one knows only the rasi where the Moon was at the time of birth, one is to refer to that sign. If one knows only one's Nakshathra or star which spreads over in two signs, then one is to note in which quarter of the star one is born and then ascertain the sign.

If one knows both the date and the rasi, one is advised to refer to both the signs, when the results will be very nearly correct. Only for those who are born on and very near New Moon day both the Sun and the Moon will be found in the same sign. They will be around 8% of the people. For others, the two positions will differ. Such of these people have to read their results in both the signs occupied by the Sun and the Moon.

Those, who know the time and date of birth, but do not know their star and the position of the Moon, can refer to the Editor.

## Examples :—

1. Born on 25th July in Swathi Star:

The Moon will be in Libra or Thulam when the star is Swathi.

Sun will be in Cancer or Katakam on 25th July—Nirayana—So one is to refer to Libra and Cancer.

2. 15th April : Barani Star.

The Moon will be in Aries as the star is Barani. The Sun will be in Aries as the date is 15th April—Nirayana.

So Aries alone is to be referred.

3. 3rd December : Anuradha Star.

3rd December refers to Scorpio where the Sun will be on that day.

Anuradha star also refers to Scorpio where the Moon will be.

So he has to refer to Scorpio only.

4. 10th April : Sravanam Star.

On 10th April, the Sun will be in Pisces or Meena according to Nirayana system.

Sravanam star will be in Capricorn or Makara. The Moon will be there. So reference may be made to Pisces and Capricorn.

The transit results offered by taking all planets, ascendant, etc., at birth to all the planets transiting in the Zodiac alone will be accurate, whereas these will be general.

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## WHAT FOLLOWS?

**ASTROLOGY** is to guide one about what is to come in the future without resorting to any guess or surmise. This science is intended to be told in crystal clear manner anything and everything that is to happen. Therefore this astrological magazine follows the same principle and desires to mention those which are to appear in the succeeding issues.

The Editor has given us to understand that he has proposed to publish cogently articles on astronomy and astrology in about 32 to 48 pages a month; monthly predictions will cover about 16 pages in English and 16 pages in Tamil and between 16 and 32 pages may be allotted for various articles from learned scholars. What articles have been received from others and in which monthly issue they will appear will be published a month or two in advance. The topics that will be explained by our Professor, the Editor of this magazine, in the subsequent issues are given below:—

1. **The Earth :** North Pole, South Pole, Equator, Longitude, Latitude, International Date Line.
2. **The Heavens :** Pole star, Celestial Equator, Right Ascension, Declination, Meridian, Equinoctial points, Equinoxes, Ecliptic, Zodiac, Celestial Longitude, Celestial Latitude, Parallels.
3. **How to locate Planets.**
4. **The Zodiac :** The Twelve Signs. Their Names and Symbols. **The Planets :** Their Names and Symbols.
5. **Constellations :** Nakshathras.

6. The Signs and their rulers. Benefics and Malefics. Signs; Movable, Fixed, Common, Fire, Earth, Air, Water; male and female, Kendhras and Konas, succedents, Cadent Houses, Northern and Southern signs, Equinoctial signs. Fruitful signs, Barren signs, Mixed signs, Signs of short ascension, Sign of long ascension; Bicorporal signs: Human signs: Signs of Voice: Mute signs: Exaltation: Dignity, Moolatrikona: Friends, Enemies; Neutral; Temporary friends and temporary enemies.

7. Different kinds of time: Apparent solar time; Mean solar time; Sidereal Time; Standard time; Local Mean time; Conversion of Standard Time to Local Mean time; Calculation of Sidereal at the time of birth or of an event at any place on earth.

8. Ephemeris: Motion: direct and retrograde.

9. Table of Houses:

10. To find out the cusps of houses: To calculate the exact position of planets for a particular moment of birth or of incident.

11. To erect charts by Western or Sayana system. Fortuna, Equinox, Precession of Equinox. A table as a ready reckoner for each year.

12. To erect maps by Nirayana system.

13. Navamsa and its use.

14. Rectification of Birth time.

15. Relative disposition among two planets. Between one Planet and Ascendant or Meridian or Fortuna.

16. Aspects: Western and Hindu. The Orbs, Guide to aspects, Translation of light, applying and separating aspects: Refraction: Dexter and sinister:

Conjunction : Parallel : Square : Opposition : Sextile  
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17. **Ududāsas** : Vimsodhari, Ashtodhari, Kala-  
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18. **Each Rasi ; Each Planet** : Mythology : Astro-  
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disease, professions, inanimate objects ; metals ;  
colour ; direction ; number ; countries and towns  
indicated ; political, economical, produce, etc.

19. **12 Houses** : Their indications.

20. Planets in each sign.

21. Planets in each house.

22. Aspects between one planet and the other.  
Sun to Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, etc. Moon to  
Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, etc. Also aspect among  
lords of each house.

23. Progression.

24. Transit, Western and Hindu.

25. Ashtaka Varga.

26. Shadbala.

27. Personality.

28. Longevity.

29. Health ; Disease ; General constitution.

30. Finance, Fortune, Self acquisition, Worldly  
possessions.

31. Brothers and sisters.

32. Short journeys, publications - agency.

33. Education.

34. Vehicle, conveyance.



35. Landed property : Building - Mother.
36. Speculation : Lottery, Races, Betting.
37. Servants : Pets ; Debts, Enmity.
38. Marriage : Married Life : Lawful ; Cross : Divorce.
39. Partner ; Business ; Litigation.
40. Will : Legacy.
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56. Marriage, appointment, promotion, success in competitive examinations during the periods of Ashtama Sani and also during the seven and half years Saturn. Explanation.

57. When Jupiter transits in the 11th house, money is lost. When it transits in the 12th, it is regained. How?

58. Expects a promotion on a particular day but on that day his maid servant delivered a child and there was no promotion. Why this alternative? and similar questions.

59. Combinations of Planets and varieties of professions.

60. Which Ayanamsa is correct? To establish it by illustration and convincing proofs.

Any problem which the readers may suggest and any other subject as it appeals to the editor, will be published as separate articles. These will be useful to the students and scholars. If any reader wants to have any doubt cleared, he is welcome to write to the editor. Even if there is difference of opinion on any matter, the editor invites such, so that he can try to convince the reader by explaining them more clearly with examples and illustrations. Therefore the editor craves indulgence of the readers for the short-comings if any, and solicits their favour of making any suggestion they may think proper, with a view to its being inserted in future issues.

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## Horary Astrology

This branch of science is mysterious, perfect, wonderful and most useful. After thoroughly understanding the principles, one can offer correct, clear and precise predictions without any confusion. This helps the astrologer to confirm what prediction he has to give by using other methods which, when explained, will convince and satisfy the consultant.

Generally, the astrologer asks the querist to give a number at random within 108. The number that is given forms the basis for the prediction. Some may scoff at this branch of science saying that the predictions given by Horary Astrology cannot be correct as the number given is after all a chance. They may suggest that the person could have given any other number or thought of one number and mentioned another. Such people do not realise that the querist cannot give any other number except the one which he had given. They have no personal experience that it is the divine force which works and enables the astrologer to predict. The number that he gives depends upon his past action or Karma as well as the future results he is to enjoy, just as the moment of birth is the effect of his past Karma. None can convince that one's birth at the particular moment, whether normal or cesarian, is a chance. If one were to reiterate, one is ignorant of the wonderful Divine Law.

Generally, this branch of science is resorted to, mainly by those who have no horoscopes or who doubt the correctness of them. This branch of science can never answer all questions and clear all doubts. Occasionally it may appear for the beginners as though there are contradictory indications in astrology, when they try to predict using other methods of prognostication. On those occasions, they can make the best use of

**Horary astrology for proper guidance and confirmation. Even when one is confident about one's own prediction in the other branches of the science, Horary Astrology has to be used as a final safe method to declare with confidence the results already obtained.**

Suppose two people stand for election in the same locality or for any single seat as President, Chairman, etc. Horoscopes may or may not be correct. Even if correct charts are given, there may be a doubt whether 'A' will come out victorious or 'B'. That is why, some predictions offered without using Horary system miserably failed. To be sure of one's prediction, Horary Astrology is the best and most reliable, to be used with advantage.

This method is as rational and as scientific as any other branch of astrology and it is the sublime art of fore-seeing events from the position of the Planets at the moment when one propounds seriously a question about any important matter. By applying it, one can predict the longevity, health, success or failure in one's enterprise, one's stay in foreign land or his return, the time of marriage, the description of partner, re-union or divorce, birth of children, sex of the child, results of the examination, recovery of lost articles, gain by lottery or races or speculation, success in litigation, treasure, legacy and anything and everything on the earth.

This branch of science is not a bluff. It is not to dupe the gullible throng. But at the same time, it is not easy for the students of astrology to make predictions infallibly unless they are thorough with the principles of astrology available now.

(The Modern Astrological Research Institute is doing research in this line and their findings will be

published in the following issues in proper places so that the readers may make the best use of the findings, to come out correctly in the predictions and establish that every branch of astrology is really a science).

**Electional Astrology:** Electional Astrology is the branch which indicates the most auspicious time for commencing any new undertaking: for marriage, upanayana, purchase of costly articles, construction of houses, buildings, time of getting admitted in the hospitals, time of operation, for performing religious and social functions, purchase of car, admission in schools, colleges etc., joining duty, taking charge or handing over charge of duty, purchasing lottery tickets etc.

**Kabala Astrology:** This will be dealt with in detail later under Numerology—

**Kerala Astrology:** This is prediction by looking at a person's face or asking him to mention the name of a flower and having it as the basis for prediction.

**Omens:** When one wants to predict or select a moment using anyone of these branches, it is necessary to look at the omens at the time of prediction. These will agree with the results obtained by either Horary or Kabala or Kerala branch of astrology and it is useful for predicting definitely with clarity and confidence. Omens are clear and correct indicators and thereby they play an important part.

Bhattotpala says in Prasnagyaana that good or bad effects can be predicted through the internal and external omens which are the deciding factors. There are people who actually take a decision after noting the omens; they never proceed further in a matter if the omens were to be ill and disheartening. In every vital point as fixing up a marriage, change of house, pur-

chasing house etc., Varahamihira says that an omen reveals the fruition of one's action, good and bad, done in the previous birth. The omens are not superstitious beliefs. Omen is otherwise called "SAGUNA".

This is a vast subject. It needs no skill to predict. One can refer to the subject on omens elaborately dealt with by Varahamihira in Brihath Samhita, and note the result directly. If, at a particular time, there is more than one omen, then the interpretation depends upon the individual.

1. One day a Guru was with his disciples discussing some principles relating to omen and astrology. A gentleman stepped in and said that he would like to consult the Guru on an important matter.

Guru said, "Come on, what can I do for you?"

With a little delicate feeling to say it in the presence of the students, he said, "My wife has deserted me, and she is living separately due to some unforeseen circumstances. Some months have passed. There is not even a letter from her. Therefore I am worried and I am anxious to know about my married life."

While the person was narrating his sad story, Guru's wife went out with a rope and bucket to get water from the common well in the street. Before the stranger completed his narration, Guru's wife stepped in and requested her husband to take the bucket from the well, as the rope gave way while she was drawing water from the well.

Guru turned to the students and asked them "What have you to say? Take this as an omen, interpret it carefully and predict."

Most of them, without hesitation, at once said, "the bondage between husband and wife is the yellow

saffron thread called "Mangalyam" or "Thalikkayar". As the rope gave way, it suggests that Mangalya Saradu is also scissored off. Therefore the stranger's wife will never turn up. The tie between husband and wife cannot continue further.

But one of the students predicted otherwise, which the Guru approved. "Sir, I do not agree with them. To me it appeals that the lady will come and join the husband very soon. Husband and wife belonged to one family and lived together even as drops of water were together in the well. The rope and bucket are the evil forces trying to separate a part of the water from the remnant in the well. The evil period was over, the rope gave way, and the water had re-union with the remnant in the well; so also the gentleman's evil days are over, and his wife will come back and live with him and children."

Thus an intelligent interpretation is needed when the indications are more than one. If the rope alone had given way after drawing the water one can say that she would not come back as water is separated and then only the rope was found to have worn out.

2. One gentleman was unable to take a decision to celebrate the marriage of his son with a particular bride. He was wavering; he was both for fixing up the marriage with the girl and also greedy enough to wait and try to have a career girl. So he consulted an astrologer. While they were discussing, a postman delivered a marriage invitation letter to the astrologer who unhesitatingly advised the querist to go ahead with the bride already in view. For, the receipt of an invitation is auspicious to fix up a wedding. He explained that if the postman had given a letter which contained half a dozen charts for selection of a bridegroom to his daughter, then he can say, "wait and see." But when the letter

shows that the marriage is fixed already and the marriage is to be celebrated shortly he can only say, "Fix the bride already in view." In a few weeks, the marriage was fixed and celebrated. The couple are now leading a happy life.

3. An Officer handed over a letter to the astrologer and asked him to say whether his grand-father, reported to be serious, would recover or succumb to the disease. He said that he had to make arrangements and apply for leave to go home.

The astrologer asked him to mention a number within 108; 27 was mentioned. While the astrologer was calculating, he heard his wife talking to her friend inside the house, expressing her deep sorrow to the guest. "I am really sorry to read in the papers that... has passed away. I take it a great loss, as he was always helpful to my family. It is also a loss to the nation." Further, at that time, a purohit came and reminded the astrologer that his father's anniversary was to be performed the next day. Lest the querist should mistake him, the tactful astrologer did not immediately predict. He wasted a few minutes under some pretext, though he had already taken a decision as what to predict. He said, "My young man, take long leave and proceed at once to grand-father's place. Don't waste time." Before the native arrived, the patient passed away. *These indications will never fail.*

4. One, who is very anxious to have a child puts the query to the astrologer, to study the horoscopes of a couple and predict whether they could expect any child at all. Before the astrologer could decide, a lady steps inside and invites the astrologer to come to her residence the next day to bless her sister's child on its birthday. You may well guess what the astrologer would have predicted.



God will always be alert and be giving such wonderful guidance to the astrologer, to predict correctly, if these who consult him would have satisfactorily done virtuous deeds in the previous birth. Only those who had committed serious sins in the last birth will be disappointed in this birth in every walk of life. Even able astrologers will have misguiding facts which they have to use as the basis, so that their calculations will go wrong and the prediction will fail. Probably the chart given to the astrologer may be cast by a quack and may be incorrect. Or the querist would have mentioned 14. The astrologer would have misheard it as 40, worked and offered a prediction which failed finally. Mishearing is God's action which is due to the querist's karma. Thus *in everything divine force will work*. God neither gives proper guidance to him nor allows the astrologer to give correct prediction in his case alone.

One can consult *any* astrologer. Only when the native and the astrologer have favourable time, the astrologer will be able to give correct prediction to him. But, if their time is unfavourable, everything will go wrong and the party cannot have peace of mind. Good actions alone will yield desirable results. Thus astrology reminds one to do good alone which will surely offer peace of mind. Nowhere in the Christian Scriptures, is astrology disapproved. Nowhere it is forbidden. But it warns us as to its proper use.

So let us learn astrology, know our future, be contented and lead a useful happy, harmonious life with peace and prosperity.

MAY LORD UCHISTA MAHA GANAPATHI  
BLESS US ALL.

## SHANTI TO WARD OFF EVIL

Astrology is the Science which explains the law of nature. It is entirely based on the Karma and Reincarnation theory. At the same time, it supports Newton's third law of motion that every action has an equal reaction. It proves that no action will go to waste and also nothing can happen without a cause. That is why astrology is considered to be a convincing science. Accurate results predicted by an able astrologer will surely come to pass whether one does Shanti or not. In all cases, Shanti cannot offer complete protection from the evils. It does not give guarantee to all.

Those who believe in Shanti may ask, "If one can't modify or nullify the evil by doing Shanti, why have the sages prescribed varieties of Shanties to ward off evil? If every action has to produce a reaction or cause an effect, then how can the Shanti performed go in vain without removing the evil? Hindus perform Pujas and Homas, pray to Gods and Planets, construct choultries and hospitals, feed the poor and the disabled, do charity and assist the needy, etc. Cannot these virtuous deeds mitigate the affliction? In other countries, though they do not perform homa, etc., yet they do charity or help the fellow beings and animals without having faith or expecting any beneficial result in overcoming difficulties. Even then whether they have faith or not, whether they do it with a set purpose or not, should not such casual or continuous meritorious action help such persons to get rid of evil?"

Astrology says that Destiny cannot be altered. What is meant by Destiny is not generally properly understood by non-astrologers. Karma is that which is already done in the previous birth. Destiny includes

all actions done in that birth and the results which one is to enjoy. One's Destiny may force him to do Shanti and give complete protection by removing the *anticipated* evil or only to an insignificant extent or it may *prevent* one from performing any Shanti at all. Destiny ultimately gives the result which one has to surely experience, without any alteration. The people have to subdue to fate, otherwise termed Destiny.

Therefore the people may be classified into *four* groups. One group will be those who do Shanti and enjoy the results, desired by them and may attribute the benefit to the Shanti; the other group will do Shanti, yet suffer, without any appreciable redemption and say that, however much they offered Shanti, it did no good. The third group will neither do Shanti nor believe in it. Yet they live happily, roll in wealth, have success after success and enjoy enviable results. The fourth group never does Shanti, but ever suffers.

The circumstances under which one is placed, one's natural expectations and normal anticipation; one's performing Shanti either out of fear or for favour and the ultimate results are all due to one's previous Karma. All these can be read from one's horoscope and it is possible for the astrologer to estimate the seriousness of the Karma. Have we not seen in "Nadis" written by the sages that advices are offered to do various Shantis depending on one's past action.

Karma can be divided broadly into three kinds. "DHRUTHA KARMA", "DHRUTHA ADHRUTHA KARMA" and "ADHRUTHA KARMA".

By Dhrutha Karma, it is meant, that one has committed an inexcusable mistake or crime in the previous birth, like murder, denying food and shelter to the invalid old parents, cheating the minor brothers during partition, to deny the wages to the poor class of help-

less servants, cheating, ingratitude, etc. Such malefactors, ungrateful children, dishonest brothers, mighty masters and cheats may do any amount of Shanti. They cannot ward off the malefic results to the desired extent as the crime is serious and unpardonable, though to a negligible extent it will be reduced, as no action will go to waste and every action has its own result. But the same Shanti, done by people who have committed pardonable mistakes, mitigates the affliction in full and leaves them unscathed. Suppose "A" has borrowed Rs. 50,000/- and "B" has taken only rupees one hundred as loan. "A" repays rupees one hundred. "B" also repays rupees one hundred: "A" has yet to suffer as the loan cleared is negligible and the burden is yet more or less the same. But "B" is care-free and regains peace of mind. Therefore, such Dhrutha Karma people have to accept the punishment, undergo the trial and patiently endure the penalty. In such cases, "Avasyam Anubokthavyam Kritham Karma Subhasubham" will apply. Whether they pray to God or they perform any Shanti, they should reap the consequences of the previous Karma, with practically no appreciable modification because of the Shanti done.

(God is all merciful; yet He is all attentive to His Duty in administering justice. He is fully aware of the Karma which one has done in the previous birth, the Shanti or virtuous deed one will do in this birth and His impartial judgment is the result which one will enjoy. God knows what Shanti one will do; how far it would mitigate and what the result would be.)

In the horoscopes of those who have done Dhrutha Karma, the Dasanatha, the Bhuktinatha, Lagna and Moon will be devoid of the beneficial aspect from Jupiter and from the lord of the 9th house who indicates the virtuous deeds done in the previous birth.

Dhrutha adhrutha Karma means that one would have committed excusable mistakes in the previous birth. It is just like an ignorant person having purchased a ticket to Bombay getting into Calcutta Mail. The Inspector finds out the mistake and points it to him. The passenger pleads ignorance and prays for excuse. The examiner leaves him without any punishment. In such person's horoscopes, either the Lagna or Moon or Dasanatha or Bhukthinatha will receive favourable aspects from either Jupiter or Lord of 9 or both. Here the crime committed is so simple that he can be excused on his humble application.

A constable can excuse a driver for having driven a car on the wrong side if he gives satisfactory explanation like skidding or puncture, etc., especially when there is neither traffic nor accident. But the same constable cannot excuse the driver, if the car runs over a boy. Hence excuse or no excuse depends on the seriousness of the crime.

The third one is Adhrutha Karma. The crime committed may be negligible. It might have ended only in evil thought. Suppose a young boy finds a fruit-bearing tree in a house over-hanging on the road side, and goes near it and like a vulture is moving there alone with a desire to have the fruit. The owner notes the boy and whistles. The boy understands that the owner is watching him and so he retraces his step honourably. He does not remove the fruit. The boy had only the evil thought but he did not commit theft. Such ones may be classified as Adhrutha Karma. In such a person's horoscope, Guru or Lord of 9 will be in the Lagna or conjoined with Moon or Dasanatha or Bhukthinatha. Such people will enjoy life though they do not perform any Shanthi, nor pray nor donate for a good cause *in this birth*. One should not forget that Karma of the previous birth and Shanthi or no Shanthi.

in this birth result in the final destiny which is the impartial judgment of God, which was already, once for all, decided at the time of birth. This is called as "that which is written on the head" (Thalai Ezhuththu). This can be read from the horoscope. God writes on the head only once. He does not alter now and then as and when the Shanthi is done. Nor can the birth time be changed. The horoscope will ever remain the same. Hence the results indicated must come to pass. We know that doing or not doing Shanthi is also indicated in the horoscope. The variety of Shanthi which one may be advised to do depends upon the Planets which rule his time and also the nature of the results which the native desires to have.

In a lady's chart, Rahu and Saturn are in the fifth house and both are in the constellation of Lord of 6. The native was married in Mercury (Budha Dasa), Jupiter Bhukti (Guru sub-period). Saturn Bhukthi followed. Years passed. It did not give her the pleasure of having a child. Kethu Dasa followed. Every fourth week disappointed her and the husband. The couple became anxious. They approached an astrologer who said that, in her chart, Jupiter was conjoined with Kethu in 11 while Sani and Rahu were in 5. So he advised that, if they do Shanthi, they would surely have a child during Kethu Dasa, Guru Bhukthi. As per his advice, they visited Benarás, then Rameswaram, and finally Guruvayur Krishna, at the time when Guru Bhukthi just started. They also did some charity. They had a child born before her Kethu Dasa Guru Bhukthi ended.

("Here the chart denotes that Lord of Lagna is Jupiter (Guru) who is conjoined with Dasanatha Kethu. That she will take the advice and do Shanti is clearly shown. Guru in 11 promises progeny. So she had a child during Guru's period. The child was born in Moolam star which is governed by Kethu, in Jupiter's sign Sagittarius).

It may be asked, if she had not gone to these holy places, could she have had the child. The astrologer will say, that she will have a child whether she wards off the evil by such pilgrimage or not and also that she had to visit, to wipe off the malefic effects and receive the blessings of God in the shape of a boy. *Both are her fate.*

Two friends A and B request an astrologer to suggest some remedy, i.e., Shanthi as they were suffering from eye trouble. The astrologer found that in A's birth chart, the evil period was coming to an end whereas in B's chart the future was becoming worse. He suggested to them that "Surya Namaskaram" would be effective. He also added that A would have the benefit, whereas B could not expect any improvement. Both decided to do Shanthi. "A" found all favourable conditions for him to do it satisfactorily and enjoyed the beneficial results. "B" had many obstacles and impediments even to perform "Suryanamaskaram". With all that, he managed to do the Shanti. Yet unfortunately, he had no improvement.

Thus it can be shown that it is possible for an astrologer to say whether one can have the chances to do offerings to God and whether one will have the advantage of such an action or not, by reading the horoscopes and ascertaining *what variety of Karma* he ought to have done in the previous birth.

Shanthi is of two kinds. One is Thrishta Shanthi and the other is Athrishta Santhi. By Thrishta Shanthi is meant that one knows what Shanthi he should do and that he is aware of the results of such a remedial measure.

If one suffers from headache and takes Aspro. or Saridon or Anacin or Codopyrin he knows that these

are specifics for headache and he gets the relief. A few, even after taking them, specific may continue to suffer which is also their fate. Here the native is aware of his taking the medicine and also its curing effect. This is Thrishta Shanthi.

Athrishta means that which one can't see with naked eyes and non-astrological eyes. Athrishta-shanthi brings results without the knowledge of the person. Nor can the person judge the nature of favourable result he may enjoy and also whether Athrishta Shanthi includes homa, prayers, pilgrimage, construction of hospitals, maternity home, schools, choultries, feeding the poor, donating blood, etc., but the nature of the beneficial result which he may enjoy is not known. That is why it is called Athrishta.

Thus it will be seen that astrology can show what Karma one should have done in the previous birth, whether one will do Shanthi or not in this life, and the ultimate results one is to enjoy. It is also known that every action will have its reaction : i.e., good actions yield desirable results, whereas bad actions bring evil to the native.

As doing Shanthi is always considered to be a virtue and therefore it has necessarily to bring favourable results to the doer, it is advisable that one either prays God or does Homa or contributes for a good cause.

The number of people who commit inexcusable crime like murder amounting to Dhrutha Karma will be very few. The number of people who do not commit any crime at all but occasionally think of evil, known as Adhrutha Karma, will be still fewer. Both form a very small minority. But the majority of people commit excusable mistakes called Dhrutha Adhrutha Karma. Therefore Shanthi will be done



by them with or without their knowledge and they will not ultimately suffer. As a layman may not know which variety of Karma he could have done in the previous birth, he will assume that he is one among many and that the performance of Shanthi will give him solace and peace of mind and ward off suspense which is highly painful.

Shanthi may be compared to taking prophylactic vaccines against cholera, or typhoid, or having re-vaccination against small pox. Such a preventive measure gives confidence and immunity. One can visit the infected areas with courage and mix with such patients though it may not guarantee that all those who had taken preventive measures will never suffer. Even if one contracts the disease, the attack will be very mild.

Six years ago, four friends visited Kancheepuram to enjoy a festival when cholera was prevalent there. Two of them did not take cholera vaccine inoculation before leaving Madras. But the other two had taken it well in advance. Actually, one of the two who had taken the prophylactic vaccine, did not suffer from cholera, at all. He was hale and healthy. The other even after taking it in time, had a very mild attack and recovered rapidly. The third who could not have the inoculation was attacked by cholera severely and succumbed to it. The fourth who had no inoculation neither had the attack nor any difficulty, because he had the immunity within himself. But only those two who had inoculation were fearless during the visit while the other two had their own doubts and fears. Similarly, the performance of Shanthi will give mental strength, will reduce the virulence of the evil and more often save the individual.

If one does not perform Shanthi or any virtuous deed, one can't be confident about his happiness in

the future. There will be the doubt whether it will be peaceful or miserable. A few may live happily. But many will suffer from untold miseries.

One attends to minor repairs to his car before starting out and drives it with confidence. Two other people drive, without testing it. One car returns safely and the other car breaks down. Is it not advisable to have the car examined by the expert, have the minor repairs attended to, and then alone drive? Just as the repairs can give confidence to the driver about the peaceful nature of the journey, even so the performance of Shanthi will be helpful to relieve one from worries.

Astrology indicates who will do Shanthi and attribute the reduction of the evil result to Shanthi alone. The person may be ignorant of the fact that his fate was that he should do Shanthi and he unnecessarily expected a more serious trouble, whereas only a mild one was his fate.

Astrology advises all to be good, to do Shanthi in any form and enjoy life with absolute peace of mind.

**PEACE AND PROSPERITY BE UNTO YOU.**

## ASTROLOGY

### LEARN AND EARN NAME AND FAME

Often people approach my Guru and express their difficulties in the art of astrological predictions. One of them said, "Sir, there was always an ardent desire in me to learn astrology. I had the opportunity to study the science regularly. I earnestly worked night and day and tried to understand the principles. When I felt that I would be able to read the horoscopes, my friends gave me some charts and asked me to offer my findings. Various ideas flashed in my mind. I found contradictory indications confusing and depressing me. Finally, I made a sincere attempt to predict. I did not have much to say but to mention a few words. On finding that the querist was not satisfied and continued to stay expecting me to predict something more, I looked at him. He also looked at me with pity. Any-how, I again tried to predict something more, but I was going on repeating what I had already said; such an embarrassed situation discouraged me further. The friends also dissuaded me by sarcastic smile. So, I got vexed and I gave it up dejected.

A few years passed; again there was the urge to learn scientifically instead of committing to memory the rules and reproducing them like a parrot. Even then while studying, I came across certain portions which appeared to be just contrary to what is mentioned by another author. I did not find any improvement; confusion continued and I was actually perplexed. Probably the science is a difficult, complicated and intricate one.

Can you kindly tell me, Sir, whether I shall learn astrology and master it, so that I can be useful to others by offering correct predictions and thereby

earn good name and fame some day. Or am I to consult others? If I can learn this subject, it will be possible for me to edit books on astrology, after I thoroughly understand it, so that I may be able to impart higher knowledge to students.

These common queries are answered here so that it may be useful for students who experience similar difficulties and who have the keen desire to learn. This magazine is published with the object that it would be possible to regularly deal with the subject of astrology *from the rudiment and explain exhaustively* so that there will be clarity; no portion will be vague, nor will there be contradictory indications and the predictions given will never confuse the readers. Whenever articles are contributed by scholars and published in the monthly issues, the editor's views will be given either agreeing with them or clarifying such portions which need further explanation.

Astrology is, no doubt, mysterious and abstruse. It deals with the relation of the Planets in the Heavens and the occurrences on the Earth.

(1) The students of astrology have to acquire sufficient knowledge in astronomy.

(2) They have to be good in *elementary mathematics*. They can't afford to commit any mistake at all in their calculations.

(3) They should be capable of preparing the horoscopes accurately using the correct Ephemeris (Raphael's).

(4) They have to study various books on astrology published by scholars and also the original ones propounded by our sages.

(5) They have to think, think and think, analyse, understand the spirit of the rules, apply and finally come to a conclusion.

(6) Fulfilled and unfulfilled predictions are to be recorded.

(7) when a prediction comes true by adopting certain principles, one has to follow the same.

“Often people approach my Guru and express their difficulties.”

(8) Also one is to find out what modification is needed for such a method which failed. *One need not be discouraged by failures to start with.* No child can run a race without falling down many a time while attempting to walk in infancy. No cyclist by *himself* learnt cycling without any scratches and bruises on his body. *If any experienced cyclist* were to assist him, while learning he may avoid injuries. So also a Guru, by the side of the student who predicts, will guide and correct him whenever necessary. This gives zeal to the student as he comes out successful.

(9) Study circles and astrological groups are to be formed to discuss various problems and clear doubts.

(10) One has to predict after thoroughly understanding the querist's temperament. There are some who do not like to hear evil. Even in such cases, the astrologer should mention the evil but express it in a very mild form. Does not a physician give sugar-coated pills to the patient who dislikes bitter medicine. He gives the medicine alright; but does not allow him to feel the bitterness.

The astrologer should not guess. But he should possess the power of correct judgment and interpretation. He should have a good vocabulary and should use appropriate words. Intuition has to play its part for which devotion to God, and prayers *without any disturbance* are needed. The Astrologer should enjoy peace of mind and be above want. He should have no worries at all. To be a leader among astro-

logers, one should be able to argue, convince and establish the correctness of his predictions.

It is for the public to certify whether one is an able astrologer or not; whether one can offer astounding predictions or not. It is unbecoming of an astrologer to boast himself as an expert except on such occasions when it may be absolutely necessary to create faith in others and impress upon them what he wants to convey. An astrologer should not be over-confident; he should be calm; should apply correct principles, follow many methods, and give clear indications. He should not exaggerate facts etc.; otherwise he invites trouble later. He should never forget his limitations.

There was an astrologer named Mr. H. Musgrove. He was born in Quebec, on 29-10-1869. When he was 47 years old he predicted that he could correctly locate the place, where gold would be found in large quantities, by using his knowledge of astrology. He persuaded many people to invest money in gold mining in British Columbia. All of them were anxiously expecting to come by the treasure. Unfortunately, the prediction failed miserably, due to the bad luck of the investors; they were utterly disappointed. Ultimately the astrologer was imprisoned.

The Astrologer should understand psychology also. A lady was much worried for having four issues at minimum intervals and all of them were girls. Again she was in the family way. If an astrologer, simply to please her, were to say that she would have a boy, he runs double risk. Because, if again a girl is born to her, it is no wonder that the astrologer is not only abused by the party but also anti-propaganda will be carried on by a few of them in season and out of season as they are (1) disgusted and (2) disappointed. If the astrologer had told that she could expect a girl on this occasion also and if a boy is born generally in their joy,

the astrologer is excused. But if a girl is born as predicted, they will appreciate the science and wait for better luck at least next time.

Incorrect predictions bring ridicule to the science and also misfortune to the astrologer. One should be tactful also. It is advisable to predict correctly not forgetting one's future, or better confess and dispose of the querists saying that he has not specialised that particular branch of the science.

One can be an astrologer, if one's horoscope satisfies many of the following conditions. Uranus is traditionally (according to Westerners) the strongest planet to give knowledge in astrology. Hindus take Mercury (Budha) as the planet which creates interest in astrology. In fact, all prominent astrologers have not had Uranus always strong in their horoscopes. But, it will be seen that Saturn and Mercury have much to do with astrology. (Have we not heard the usual proverb "Aye! that fellow has Saturn in the tongue? Vakkil-Sani. Ever he predicts evil and never he fails.)

Mr. Carter warns those in whose charts Mercury and Jupiter are heavily afflicted to be very cautious when they forecast. From that, one can understand that Mercury should not be afflicted, as it is the astrological planet. He also says that Uranus is unsuited to practical exigencies, as one will commonly lack tact and patience which are the essentials for an astrologer. One is to be practical. Earthy signs, and Planets, Mars and Saturn make one useful, and practical. Planets in airy signs may make the one unpractical and dreamy. Fiery usually produce practical people but not always prudent or discreet people. Those born in Thulam (Libra) an airy sign, may employ themselves in flattering others and often fall easy victims to it. Astrologers should not under any circumstances flatter others and exaggerate things.

People having a planet in Kumba or Meena (Aquarius and Pisces) afflicting Uranus in any part of the map, will be unconventional, original and Bohemian. They may disregard the established custom and ancient tradition and may be perverted.

But people, having any of the following combinations and favourable aspects, can learn astrology and be useful to the querists.

1. Western scholars are of opinion that Saturn and Moon give immense appetite to learn astrology especially when they are in 1, 3, 9 or 10th Bhava (Houses). Saturn and Moon make the native industrious, honest, patient, plodding and persevering all of which are essential to an astrologer.

2. Uranus has a special attraction to Astrology. But success or failure depends on the other aspects which Uranus receives. It may make one a research scholar or a perverted person with much of egoism, whereas astrology is meant more to subdue egoism.

3. Good aspects and connection between Jupiter, Mercury and Uranus assist one to consider deeply, judge properly and interpret correctly.

4. Mars' beneficial aspect to those planets gives the astrologer the argumentative faculty, the desire to succeed in the material field, and to lead in all pursuits.

5. Only when Moon and Mercury have harmonious aspects, one can have clear exposition, proper wording, good vocabulary and intuition. Moon is called the mind. It is like a mirror exactly reflecting the object. Mercury is for supreme intelligence, as it governs the central nervous system. It is like a lens. Therefore whenever these two planets either form or receive favourable aspects, they give high imagination, linguistic capability, keen observation, intuitive perception, quick grasp, retentive power, reproductive



ability, fluency of speech and general success especially in astrology. So, those who have strong Mercury will thoroughly analyse, properly apply and correctly predict.

6. Saturn and Mercury forming good aspect in one's chart give concentration and depth of thought. The native will be exact, precise and methodical. He will be a good mathematician with competence in calculations. He will have much forethought, persistence and reasoning ability.

7. Venus conjoined with Uranus can give one the desire to learn astrology. A few may have titles conferred on them, if Venus and Uranus receive good aspects from Saturn, Moon and Jupiter.

8. Good aspect to Jupiter from other planets removes worries, and allows one to pray to God. Harmonious aspect of Mercury and Saturn is needed for concentration.

9. In Horasara, Prithuyasas says that the person at whose birth Moon occupies Cancer (Kataka) will be an astrologer. It does not mean that all Cancer borns will learn astrology or at least have faith in astrology. Here one is to combine the Western System of prediction and find out the aspect that is being formed between the position of Moon at birth in Cancer and that of Saturn, Mercury and Uranus in the chart. If Uranus were to form adverse aspects with Moon, one will be perverted. If Mercury afflicts Moon, one will utter falsehood or whatever one tries to predict will not come true, especially when the period one runs, is governed by Moon and Mercury. Moon afflicted by Saturn does not allow one to concentrate nor will he have self-confidence but be diffident.

10. Vaidyanatha Dikshitha, in Jataka Parijatham, mentions that people born in the years Prabhava

and Kalayukthi will be proficient in astrology. Also those born in Sathayam or Sathabheeshaik nakshatra and those born in Sakuna Karana will be astrologers. Here also, one is to take that all people born either in Prabhava or Kalayukthi year or Sathabhisak Star or Sakuna Karana, unless they have good aspects among Moon, Mercury, Saturn and Uranus, cannot learn astrology and predict correctly.

11. Mahadeva, in Jataka Tatva, has said that people having Venus and Mercury in the 2nd or the 3rd house or,

12. People having Mercury in 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 or 11th house or

13. People born in Gemini, having exalted Jupiter, and

14. Those who have the lord of the second house in good strength will be good astrologers.

Even though in the majority of cases these rules will come true, yet, due to other evil aspects, a few may not have any desire to learn astrology and a few may even ridicule it due to the affliction.

Often wise people say,

“Gathanu Gathiko Lokaha

Na Lokaha Paramarthikaha”.

By that, they mean that one should not blindly follow the rules expounded but take pains to find out the truth and understand their spirit.

Therefore it is necessary for one to take all these into consideration to find out whether the planetary aspects are beneficial to learn astrology and then decide who can make the best use of it by consulting learned and wise astrologers.

Editing and predicting are different. Prediction is the real problem. Editing is not difficult. If Jupiter, Mercury and Mars have favourable aspects one can edit and publish, because Jupiter's aspect to Mercury produces journalists who need command of language, a somewhat encyclopaedic range of knowledge and deep knowledge of one particular subject. It is desirable to have a delicate touch on the pulse of the public for whom the journal is published. Jupiter assists in rendering the matter in the publication suited to the needs of the readers and makes it popular. If the editor keenly desires to impart information of an educative type, Mercury should be favourable and strong.

If Mercury and Mars form evil aspects, the editor will like to fight, if not in reality, yet in words. If both the planets occupy favourable signs, then the capacity for satire will be a useful asset to him. Mars forming good aspect with Mercury gives good humour and the fortune to own a Press, as Mars indicates machinery and Mercury, paper, news, etc.

Guru's beneficial aspect increases the income, improves the standard, expands the business, improves the circulation, and makes the journal popular. Saturn's evil aspect will restrict the activities and increase the debts. Further, there will be labour trouble or the release of the journals will be unduly delayed and people will get vexed and dejected. Neptune's evil aspect shows that every venture will be started in a flash which will soon end in a crash.

Lords of 2, 9 and 11 forming good aspects mutually among themselves and with the great benefic Jupiter will offer the most desirable results both to the astrologer and the consultant as well as the Editor and the readers.

## SEVEN AND ITS SANCTITY

SEVEN AGES OF A MAN  
SEVEN DAYS OF A WEEK  
SEVEN LORDS OF THE ZODIAC  
SEVEN SAGES OF THE POLE  
SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM  
SEVEN COLOURS OF THE LIGHT  
AND SEVEN NOTES OF THE MUSIC

### KAYESKAY

What is the sanctity in the number seven?

Those who believe in Reincarnation have to accept that one lives one's life, and it comes to an end at one time or the other and again takes another life according to one's Karma and will of God. God never does himself by taking an avathar, but does everything through some agency. Similarly, when one's life is to end, i.e., when another life is to start shortly, at that time, somewhere a couple lead a happy life and the gentleman in due course becomes the father. Sun is said to be the Chief Governor for father in astrology. Therefore a father's pleasant days are, in reality the last scene of all which ends the eventful history of man in another body and the (his) second childishness, sans eyes, sans teeth and sans everything. This stage is represented by Sun. It rules the sign Leo—Simha—the King of the animals. It represents the Epoch or conception. It is the 5th house of the Zodiac denoting procreation and progeny. Sun rules over Sunday.

The adjacent sign is Cancer—Katakam. It is ruled by Moon. Moon is a watery or milky planet. It represents the infant stage of a person when the child takes milk and liquid diet alone and cries.

bawls and vomits which is the first stage in the new life. Cancer denotes mother and nursing. It is in the infant stage that the child is under the care of the mother—moon, which governs Mondays.

~ The adjacent signs are Gemini (Mithuna) on one side, and Virgo (Kanni) on the other. Their owner is Mercury—(Budha), which presides over mind, memory, powers of speech and writing, paper, bags, books, education, mathematics, etc. If Mercury is afflicted, lying and thieving are indicated. Similarly, the child grows and it appears with a satchel, books, etc. A few, with planet Mercury or signs Gemini and Virgo afflicted, creep like snail unwilling to go to school. They will not mind uttering a lie, saying that they had been to school, even though on the way, they might be playing with others and returning home only at the time when the beneficial Mercurians return after attending the classes. Mercury rules over Wednesday.

The signs adjacent to Gemini and Virgo are Taurus and Libra respectively—(Rishaba and Thulam). They are governed by Venus, the chief Governor for matrimony. Shakespeare explains this stage as a lover who sighs like a furnace with a sorrowful ballad made to his lover's eyebrow. If Venus (Sukra) is spoiled, the matrimonial life becomes unbearable and unpleasant and one becomes irritated and frustrated. Venus governs Friday.

In the next stage one becomes desperate and attaches no value to life. One is prepared to face even death. Or one would like to walk out of the house and try to be a soldier full of strange oaths, sudden and quick in quarrel, seeking the bubble reputation even in the cannon's mouth. Astrologically the Planet which denotes the God of War is Mars who rules the signs next to Taurus and Libra (Rishaba and Thula) on either side. They are Aries

(Mesha) and Scorpio (Vrischika) owned by Mars who rules over Tuesday also. It gives independent spirit, courage and impulse for all heroic deeds. It is the Chief Governor for warrior which is the next stage of man according to Shakespeare.

Having lived the life of a husband and enjoyed the happiness or undergone the trials in domestic life, one also gains the experience of a warrior. Now he becomes wise and passes on to the next stage. He judges the merits and demerits and runs a calm, happy life with good morals and conduct. He possesses wealth and gains reputation. He eats much and leads an easy life. His belly goes on swelling. This stage is ruled by Jupiter (Guru) who is the lord of Thursday! Shakespeare says that this stage is the judge with huge round belly with good capon lined, full of wise saws and modern instances.

Jupiter owns the houses adjoining those of Mars. They are PISCES (Meena) and Sagittarius (Dhanus).

As years pass on, this also causes worry. Due to over-weight, low blood pressure sets in. Doctor advises the subject to take only vegetables, etc. His weight has to be reduced. He should become slim and lean. He gets reduced to flesh and bones due to other chronic ailments also and has consequently mental depression. Optimism of Jupiter ends : pessimism of Saturn starts. There may be trouble due to prostate gland ; there may be obstruction in urine and retention of waste materials ; teeth may begin to drop one after another thus disfiguring the face. Symptoms of old age set in. Cataract may develop and reduce the vision. Laziness does not allow him to have a shave and so his hairs grow into beard etc. ; all are ruled by Saturn which is also the lord of Saturday. Astrologically, Saturn is the Chief Governor for longevity, emaciation, falling of teeth, chronic disease, mental depression, etc. This

Shakespeare mentions as the stage of the lean and slippered old man with hanging spectacles on the nose and pouch on side.

Thus the seven stages of man are governed by the seven planets which can be seen with the naked eye, which rule the seven days of the week.

Infancy is governed by Moon and schooling is governed by Mercury. Venus shows the age of maturity mystery when life is a riddle. The next period is governed by Mars showing boldness with a go-ahead spirit. The next stage is ruled by Jupiter which matures one's character. The subject can judge impartially, be level-headed, calm and wise. Finally one begins to retire from activities and settle down to develop fixed habits and to dwell in the pleasant memories of his youth, etc.

The above stages show the steady development of one's human faculties, greater or less, depending on one's Karma. Thus Shakespeare has explained the truth in his drama "AS YOU LIKE IT". Astrologically it is correct that one's life can be broadly divided into Seven Stages and each is indicated by a particular Planet.

The wonder is that these Planets are allotted signs in the Zodiac in the same order. Also this order agrees with the real situation of the Planets to the luminaries. Sun and Moon are the luminaries: Mercury is the nearest Planet to the Sun being 360 lakhs of miles away; and Venus 670 lakhs of miles away. Only these are between Sun and the Earth. Next, at a distance greater than that between the Sun and the Earth are Mars. Beyond this is Jupiter. The farthest planet that can be seen with the naked eye is Saturn. Thus the houses are owned by Planets in the order they are in the Heavens; and they, in the same order, denote the various ages in man's life.

## THE EARTH

The earth, which is our home, offers a deceptive appearance, as though it is flat, plain and circular, with its boundary, the horizon. But it is actually round, like a ball.

Galileo used the interesting and simple method to prove that the earth is round like a sphere. He observed the face of the earth during lunar eclipse and noted the shadow of the earth on the moon. It was, as it is seen even now, distinctly circular. The eclipse of the moon may last for some hours. Yet due to the spinning of the earth, its *circular* shadow on the moon remains, during the duration of the eclipse. It does not get changed.

Another proof is that, if a person commences his journey from one place—say Madras—and moves in the same direction, either due East or due West or due North or due South without changing his course, he will return to his starting place, i.e., Madras itself. It will be just like an ant, proceeding in any one direction on an apple or on a lime fruit, returning to the same starting point.

There is also a direct proof, after so much advancement of the science. If one looks at the earth from a far-off place, in space, away from the earth, one will find that the earth appears like a ball. We, on the earth, cannot note it. But photographs taken from a great distance by the Rockets which are fired up will show the curvature of our earth quite clearly and distinctly.

If it becomes possible for one to go to the Moon, take the photograph of the earth and send it on to us,



we will find that the earth is round and will appear, just like what the Sun and the Moon appear to be, to us, on earth, but a little bigger in size.

Only by such methods, one can prove that the earth is round and looks like a big ball. The earth is about 7,900 miles in diameter and is about 24,847 miles in circumference. No one had ever gone around the earth with a measuring tape or pole and actually measured it. It was computed by our sages and also by Eratosthenes in Egypt thousands of years ago. Eratosthenes took the angular elevation-height at which the Sun appeared at the same time from two cities situated at a fairly long distance, say 500 miles. He found the difference in the angle of vision. The world is round, i.e.,  $360^\circ$ . So he calculated the distance between these two cities and took the difference in the angles for calculation. He divided  $360^\circ$  by this difference in the angles of vision and multiplied the result by the known distance between these two cities. Similar calculations were made on different occasions and all the results were found to be the same. Thus the circumference is worked out. Then the diameter is calculated as it is impossible to measure it. There is the definite mathematical relationship between the diameter of a circle and its circumference ( $22/7$ ). So the diameter is also arrived at by using the formula that circumference when multiplied by seven and the product divided by twenty-two gives the diameter.

The circumference is not the same at all places on the earth. As a result of rotation, the earth is bulged at the equator and flattened at both the poles. That is why the earth looks like an oblate spheroid.

The earth is ever spinning. It moves in space. It was worked out in 1727 by Bradley that the earth sails in the space at a speed of nearly  $18\frac{1}{2}$  miles or

nearly 30 K.Ms. per second. It comes to nearly 66,000 miles, equivalent to nearly one lakh K.Ms. per per hour, i.e., about 586,000,000 miles in a year. It is really very hard to believe. Can these figures be a fact? Doubt arises. Because, it does not appear to any one that the earth is ever moving non-stop and that also at this tremendous speed. If one stands outside and looks around the buildings and various objects, the earth, neither looks like a ball, nor does it appear to him to move, nor does he feel it. But he finds a smooth surface, or hills and mountains appearing to be perfectly still.

But when he looks at the sky during day time, the Sun appears to rise in the East in the morning and set in the West in the evening. If he looks at the sky at night, he finds a few bright stars and many faint ones, scattered at random and moving from East to West, again appearing once more just like a large number of soldiers maintaining the same relative positions, and marching forward in the same direction. The sky appears to be a greater sphere enveloping the earth, and the stars appear again and again, day after day, month after month, year after year. The Heavens, the theatre, the scene and the actors of to-day are the same ones which our ancestors saw thousands of years ago. People in olden days traced pictures of the heavens; the Egyptians drew on Papyrus, the Americans painted on buffalo skins, the Greeks carved on marbles and the Babylonians marked on stones.

They found that the very fact that all the heavenly bodies continue the process of rising, setting, and again rising and so on, should not be due to the motion belonging to them. It is because the earth itself rotates Eastward, i.e., from West to East. The observer on the earth is rotating along with the earth and to him the heavens appear to move in the opposite direction, from

East to West. Suppose, one takes one's seat on a revolving chair and sees people all around, standing at different distances. When the chair makes a round without one's knowledge, from West to East, then the people will appear as though they move from East to West. Have we not noticed while moving in a train in a particular direction, the trees and posts on either side of the railway line appear to move in the opposite direction? Thus the sky makes a funny impression upon us, to people at different latitudes, i.e., places in the northern and in the southern half of the earth, the sky offers a different stage and actors. It is due to the fact that the earth is round and it spins round on its axis which is tilted by  $23^{\circ} 27'$  to the vertical in space.

If one observes daily the sky at the extreme North, he will notice a bright star ever remaining in the same place, whereas a few immediately near round it; many in the middle of the sky rise in the East, pass over the head and set in the West, and so on. For observers in the Equator, i.e., the middle of the earth, one star in the North will appear to touch the northernmost point of the horizon and remain there permanently without rising or setting, but appearing all the hours of the night in the same position. It is called the Pole Star.

But if the observer proceeds from the Equator due North, he will find that the fixed star, viz., that Pole star, moves slowly upwards in the horizon and also southwards in the sky. If he continues to proceed further, at a particular place, he will find this star, just over his head.

If the journey is made still further, it will be *surprising* to observe that the Pole star does not proceed towards South in the sky *but retraces and takes a*

*northern* course and goes away from the observer. Thus, by making to and fro movements in that area itself, one can fix the exact place which is just below the North Pole Star. This place or point *on the earth* is called the *North Pole*. Similar experiments will aid one to fix the South Pole of the Earth.

For people in the North Pole, there is no East or West. They have only one direction, i.e., South. Similarly for people in the South Pole, there is no East or West but only one direction, i.e., North.

During Summer, between March 21 and September 22, the shadow of a person in the North Pole will appear moving round and round himself. Because the Sun does not incline to the horizon throughout the day, as it does in other latitudes, but takes a course almost parallel to the horizon. The Sun never rises above  $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  for people at the Poles. The shortest shadow at the Pole is at least 2,3 times the height of the object, on and around June 22nd casting the shadow, which is equal in length to the shadow we may have, some  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours after sunrise in our locality. Thus one can fix the position of the North Pole, and similarly of the South Pole which are the extreme North and extreme South points of the earth.

If one imagines to insert a rod in the North Pole and drive it straight to the centre of the earth and further more pile it, then it will find its exit in the South Pole. This is the real diameter of the earth and is called *the axis of the earth* about which the earth revolves from West to East with a uniform motion of about 1,040 miles an hour at the Equator, and thus covers the 25,000 miles of circumference of the earth in about 24 hours.

## TO LOCATE A PLACE ON THE EARTH

To fix the position of an object in a plane, we have to divide the plane by drawing 2 sets of parallel lines at equal intervals, perpendicular to each other. If it is to be located, draw lines passing through the object "A" parallel to the lines of reference.

Now take OX and OY the two lines, one longitudinal and the other perpendicular to it as the lines of reference. Note where "A" lies in the horizontal line and also in the perpendicular one. The number of these lines, say 6 and 5 will locate and fix the position of "A". These numbers are termed as "Co-ordinates" of A. "O" is called the origin. OX is the axis of reference horizontally and OY is the axis of reference vertically. This method is used to find out and fix the position of any point *in the plane*.

But it is not so easy, to locate places on the surface of the earth, as it is a sphere. Join North Pole and South Pole by any straight line. Or imagine to join North Pole and South Pole by the axis. Draw lines, perpendicular to the North Pole and the South Pole at all distances on the surface of the earth. Then the lines EW; E1, W1; E2, W2; cut the earth in circles. Of these circles, that which is exactly half-way between the two poles is the biggest circle and its centre is the centre of the earth. This imaginary line called *Vishavareka* is termed as the *Earth's Equator*. Hence *Equator is an imaginary line on the surface of the earth running midway between the two poles, North and South, dividing the earth exactly into two halves, the northern hemisphere and the southern hemisphere.*

To all the lines EW, E1, W1; E2, W2 and so on imagine that perpendicular lines are drawn on the surface of the earth. Those lines will invariably pass

through the North Pole in the North and the South Pole in the South. They also form circles having the centre of the earth as their centre. Those perpendicular circles are called *Meridians*. *Therefore Meridians are the imaginary lines on the surface of the earth drawn perpendicular to the equator passing through the North Pole and the South Pole.*

To locate the position of a place on the surface of the earth, it is necessary to have any one circle EW East to West selected for reference and any one perpendicular Meridian also.

In India, in olden days, Ujjain was the place of reference. But now, for the whole world, Greenwich is taken internationally for reference. A meridian is drawn through Greenwich, i.e., a perpendicular is dropped to the Equator from Greenwich. It is projected on both sides. This line-meridian passes through the North Pole and South Pole. Let this meridian cut the equator at "O". If a place "D" is to be located draw a perpendicular from D to the Equator. Let it cut the Equator at "X". Refer from the point O longitudinally along the Equator till the point "X" where the meridian drawn through "D", cuts the Equator. This length OX is called the Longitude of the place "D".

Then for the other measurement perpendicular to Equator, measure the arc XD or OD which is called the Latitude. Longitude may be East or West of Greenwich, whereas Latitude (Akshamsa) is North or South of the terrestrial Equator.

Greenwich is chosen for reference (i.e., the Meridian passing through Greenwich); Longitude and Latitude are the co-ordinates of a place on the surface of the earth.

The earth is round. The distances are not measured in miles. But, as the lines drawn form circles, they are divided into  $360^\circ$ . Hence, if one were to stand in North Pole and were to look in the direction of Greenwich and then turn his head towards the place to be located, how far, one has to turn, is measured as Longitude. It is the angle that is formed in the Poles, i.e., the angle formed by the Meridian passing through Greenwich and that passing through the required place, this is called the Longitude of the place.

The line of meridian passing through North Pole and South Pole also form a circle of  $360^\circ$ . This is divided into 4 equal parts. Hence Equator to North Pole is  $90^\circ$  and Equator to South Pole is  $90^\circ$  on one hemisphere; so also in the other hemisphere ninety and ninety degrees. Longitude will be between  $0^\circ$  to  $180^\circ$ . East or West, whereas latitude will be between  $0^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$  North or between  $0^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$  South. The Longitude is also expressed as so many degrees, minutes and seconds East or West of Greenwich. It is also reckoned in time at the rate of 24 hours or 1,440 minutes for the  $360^\circ$  or 4 minutes for every degree.

If one actually measures the distance of 2 places on the equator situated  $1^\circ$  away, it will be longer than the distance between two places situated in higher latitudes, even though they are said to be only  $1^\circ$  apart from each other. As one proceeds northwards or southwards of the Equator, he will find the length of each degree of longitude getting reduced and reduced.

Suppose one wants to know the location of Delhi. Then it is measured how far North it is from the Equator and how far East from Greenwich. If a reference is made to the index, in an atlas or to the map of India, it will be found to be  $28^\circ 38'$  North and  $77^\circ 12'$  East. If New York is to be located, one is to note how far north it is from the Equator and

how far West from Greenwich. If a place in Australia is to be fixed, measure how far South it is from the Equator and how far east it is from Greenwich.

If Delhi is said to be  $77^{\circ} 12'$  East and  $28^{\circ} 38'$  North, it means that it is  $77^{\circ} 12'$  East of Greenwich. The arc of the Equator between the points where the meridians through Greenwich and Delhi cut is  $77^{\circ} 12'$ , i.e.,  $77^{\circ} 12'$  longitude East. The arc of the Meridian through Delhi, measured from Delhi to the point where the meridian cuts the Equator is  $28^{\circ} 38'$  which is its Latitude.

If longitudinally the measurement is made both eastwards and westwards,  $180^{\circ}$  East will coincide with  $180^{\circ}$  West. Both will coincide and they are one and the same line which will cross the Pacific Ocean from the Aleutian to the Fiji Islands. It is called the *International Date Line*. (Here each new day has its birth at the moment when it will be exactly noon of the preceding date at Greenwich, or exactly 5-30 P.M. I.S.T. (That is why Ephemeris is worked out for 12 Noon Greenwich which is the real birth of the next day for the people in the International Date Line and also for the world). This line has been exactly defined by International agreement. Here lies the threshold of our calendar.

It is from this point, everyday, every month and every year starts. Each day of the month commences here earlier than anywhere else in this world. From here it marches West, circumnavigates the Globe and again returns to its birth place to vanish and appear as the next one. In olden days, before this International Date Line was established, the mariners who circumnavigated the globe miscalculated the days. Because, when one sails continuously westwards, he follows the Sun in its path and at the time he returns to the point of his departure, he should gain 24 hours upon those



who remained there; one should calmly think over this truth for a while when he will be convinced and agree. Therefore if one sails for some days from East to West he loses a day and one has to add a day if he sails from West to East. In other words, one should, when travelling East, have to count one and the same day twice, just when he crosses this International Date Line.

The Date Line as is agreed by the nations does not exactly coincide with the 180th meridian everywhere. For convenience, the whole of Eastern Siberia has the same date and the extreme Aleutian and Hawaiian Islands have the same date like the other Islands of those groups and the United States.

Fiji and Chatham Islands have the same date as Australia and Newzealand, because these places are closely connected politically and geographically. Hence, the Date Line is slightly irregular though it follows very closely 180° meridian.

A surprising thing is that the total duration of a day in the entire globe is 48 hours and not 24 hours. It is a fact. Suppose you are within a few miles West of International Date Line when the day commences at midnight, and stay there till 12 noon. How many hours have passed? 12 hours are over on that date. Imagine that you start flying, always keeping the Sun overhead and go westward. The Sun is ever above your head, i.e., it is 12 noon wherever you fly. So nearly 24 hours you have flown. Stop a mile East of the International Date Line. What has happened? First before starting, 12 hours have passed between 12 midnight and the following 12 noon. Then, wherever you are, it is 12 noon as you fly at the speed of the earth's rotation. So far 24 hours you have travelled. You have arrived in a place just East of International Date Line and the time is 12 noon at the time of your arrival on the same day and date in this place. Take rest for 12 hours to

complete the day. Another 12 hours you stay here in the East of the Date line. So 12 hours stay at home, the place of departure, 24 hours flight around the world and 12 hours stay here, the place of arrival, make up a total of 48 hours, though marking the same date and calling the day by the same name.

Similarly, a day will be missed if you start just in the East of International Date Line and proceed towards the West, cross it to reach a place of West of it. You will lose a day.

There are so many pleasant and surprising peculiarities. They are not necessary for astrologers. It is enough if one knows about the Poles, the Equator, the Longitude, and the Latitude.

## THE HEAVENS

Now let us look at the sky. It appears as though a hemispherical ball is placed like a cap on the earth. You complete the sphere. Then it will appear like a very huge globe and it is called the celestial sphere. All heavenly bodies appear to move in the Heavens even though they are at different distances from the earth. Suppose there is no obstruction to have a view for a long distance and if you find people walking along a road, even though they may not be in the same line, they will appear to be walking one behind the other in a line. This is due to the great distance at which the observer is placed from the moving mass. Similarly, on account of the large distances, the heavenly bodies appear to be situated on a spherical dome. To us it appears as a sphere, an imaginary one, with the earth as centre and the various distances as radius.

If we produce the axis of the earth both ways passing through the North Pole and the South Pole, it will meet the horizon in two points which are called the Celestial Poles, North and South respectively. In reality, the earth revolves from West to East on its axis. So the sphere, i.e., the heavens appear to move in the opposite direction, i.e., from East to West. The heavenly bodies seem to make circles on the sphere perpendicular to the axis.

If you join all the imaginary midpoints between the North Pole and the South Pole of the celestial sphere, it will form a circle. It is called the Celestial Equator. If the plane of the Equator of the earth is produced to meet the Celestial sphere, it will cut the sphere in the bigger circle which is nothing but the line joining the mid-points as obtained above. The Celestial Equator is an imaginary line in the heavens, such as the earth's rotation would cause to be traced out by an infinitely

long vertical pole, erected at any one point on the terrestrial Equator. Technically speaking, it is the projection of the earth's Equator, upon the celestial sphere. The Celestial Equator divides the heavens into two halves; the northern hemisphere and the southern hemisphere.

Now draw perpendicular lines to this *celestial equator*. These will and must pass through the two Poles. A series of circles perpendicular to the Celestial Equator drawn will join at the Poles. The Parallel perpendicular lines will appear similar to the two parallel Railway lines appearing to unite at a distance. Here, the railway lines only appear to join. But in the Poles they actually join just like the oranges, thicker in the middle, getting narrower as they near the end. These circles crossing the Celestial Equator at right angles and passing through the two poles are called *Declination Circles*, enabling one to fix an object, North or South of the *Celestial Equator*.

To locate the position of a star or a Planet in the Heavens, two circles are necessary. One circle is the Declination perpendicular to the Equator. Distance of objects found in the North of the Celestial Equator (Nadicrita) is said to be positive and those situated in the southern hemisphere are said to be negative. Declination is called "Kranti" in Sanskrit.

Now which point in the Celestial Equator and in the declination circle is to be taken for reference, is the question. Since these are circles, there should be a starting point in each circle.

If one were to observe the pathway of the Sun, it will be seen that the Sun slowly moves from the South of the Celestial Equator towards the North nearing the Celestial Equator and at one time crosses the Celestial Equator during its northern course at one point. Now-a-days the Sun crosses this point on the 21st March of

every year when the night and the day are equal. So, that point in the Celestial Equator where the Sun crosses it, from South to North, is taken for reference and the distances are always measured only in one direction (not on both sides from this point), i.e., Eastward and complete the circle of  $360^\circ$ . So an object may be at  $10^\circ$  or  $40^\circ$  or  $150^\circ$  or  $359^\circ$  from this point. This measurement is called *Right Ascension*. (In the earth, the Longitude is measured both East and West of the meridian of Greenwich and hence the maximum distance that can be recorded is  $180^\circ$ .)

But in the Celestial measurement, it is between  $0^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$  as it is measured in the Eastern Direction alone, along the Celestial Equator. If one observes the pathway of the Sun, it appears to slide, slowly move northwards further, for 3 months from the time it crossed the Equator and then take a southern course and cross (from North to South) the Celestial Equator at a point which is exactly  $180^\circ$  away from the point where the Sun originally crossed the Celestial Equator while proceeding from South to North. These two points are called *Equinoctial Points*. The point of intersection of the Celestial Equator and the Sun's annual path (the ecliptic) from South to North is called *Vernal Equinox* and the point of intersection during Sun's motion from the North to South is called *Autumnal Equinox*. The vernal equinox is taken as the commencement of the Sun's path or *Ecliptic* and also the beginning of the Celestial Equator. They get wider and wider upto a quarter of the circle, and then come nearer and nearer. Again they cross through the autumnal equinox which is exactly at  $180^\circ$ . Now also they get widened for a quarter of a circle and then come nearer and nearer and again join the original point. Thus  $360^\circ$  are covered.

It may be due to the fact that most of the astronomers and administrators of countries and

colonies are in the Northern hemisphere and also because, only on and from the time the Sun touches the Vernal Equinox, those in the North Pole can have the Sun rising (after continuous dark period of 6 months) for their continuous day of 6 months. If the Autumnal Equinox is taken, then the night and complete darkness will set in and will run for 6 months for people in the North Pole. People in the South Pole will have a day commencing from the time the Sun passes Autumnal Equinox till it reaches Vernal Equinox, which is six months for people in the other latitudes.

To an observer at the North Pole, the Sun, nowadays, will rise on 21st March and will trace circles in the heavens, slowly, regularly and gradually increasing its altitude till 22nd June without setting in these months and reaching the greatest altitude of  $23^{\circ} 27'$ . The Sun moves between 22nd June and 23rd September in circles as before but decreasing in altitude and on 23rd September it begins to set and it describes the horizon and gradually sinks below and disappears for a period of six months.

From 23rd September to 21st March, the Sun will be in the southern hemisphere, i.e., to the south of Celestial Equator. It reaches the maximum southern declination of  $23^{\circ} 27'$  on 22nd December. This is the perpetual night to people in the North Pole. For people in the South Pole, these six months are a perpetual day.

The measurement is always made for astronomical purposes along and across the Celestial Equator ; this is called the Right Ascension and Declination respectively.

But astrologers use another method of fixing up planets by measuring along the apparent Sun's annual

path which is called *Ecliptic*. The sun appears to move strictly in the *Ecliptic*. It is more or less a circle ; it cuts the Celestial Equator in two points, diametrically

opposite to each other. The Ecliptic is inclined by  $23^{\circ} 27'$  to the Celestial Equator due to the inclination of the axis of the earth. If one observes the movements of the Planets, the Moon, Jupiter etc., one will find that they also move in their individual orbits which are slightly inclined to the Ecliptic. Therefore, for the use of astrologers to fix the positions of the Planets, the Ecliptic is chosen as the circle of reference. The distance measured in one direction along the Ecliptic from the Vernal Equinox is called *Celestial Longitude* and the distance measured perpendicular to the Ecliptic is termed as the *Celestial Latitude*.

Though the tracks of the Planets are all found to lie very nearly along the line, they will be only a few degrees North to South of it, at the most  $7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  to  $8^{\circ}$ . The Celestial Latitude is absolutely different from Declination except at the two equinoctial points. This measurement is convenient for *astrological* purposes and is also necessary for predictions.

In short, *Celestial Latitude* is the perpendicular distance between a Planet and the Ecliptic (whatever be the declination of the Ecliptic itself) whereas declination is the perpendicular distance counted from the Celestial Equator to the planet or star. *Celestial Longitude* is measured along the Ecliptic from the Vernal Equinox, whereas the *Right Ascension* is measured along the Celestial Equator from the Vernal Equinox in one direction.

If two objects are in equal declination either on the same side of the Celestial Equator or on opposite sides of it, they are said to be *Parallel* to each other.

The readers are advised to become familiar with the terms, Celestial Equator, Ecliptic, Equinox, Right Ascension, Declination, Latitude, Longitude and Parallel as they will be used frequently in the magazine.

## DIFFERENT KINDS OF TIME:

### SIDEREAL TIME.

Time is measured in many ways. *A sidereal day* is the interval between the first point of Aries (Mesha) appearing overhead or crossing the meridian of a place and the very next appearance of the first point of Aries overhead.

Suppose you note one star over your head, just crossing the meridian of your place on any one night at a particular time, shown by the clock you use which maintains correct time. The next day also, observe when the same star crosses the meridian. It will be found that it returns exactly after 23 hours 56 minutes and a few seconds. On the following day, again see when it crosses the meridian. It will be crossing again at an interval of 23 hours 56 minutes and a few seconds after the previous day's timing, i.e., the star crosses the meridian again and again at an interval of 23 hours 56 minutes and a few seconds after the previous day's timing. Why is it, about 4 minutes less than 24 hours? Because this is the time taken by the earth to revolve exactly once completing  $360^\circ$ ; actually the star is fixed and the meridian chosen for observation is constant. Hence, a sidereal day is the time taken by the earth to make one full revolution with reference to Aries  $0^\circ$  (Mesha) or with reference to any particular star. It is about 4 minutes less than 24 hours of our time by the clock.

If one were to note the transits of the first point of Aries over one's meridian and those of the Sun over the same meridian, it will be found that, in one year, the first point of Aries crosses 366 times and further passes about one quarter of the celestial sphere, where-



as the Sun crosses only 365 times and passes one quarter of the celestial sphere. This is because, during this period, the Sun appears to make a journey along the ecliptic, i.e., the apparent path of the Sun.

Suppose on March 21st, one observes the sky 15 minutes prior to sun-rise. He finds a star, a little above the horizon, in front of the Sun, rising just prior to the Sun in the East; 15 minutes later, the Sun rises.

The next day, when it is observed 15 minutes before sun-rise, the star had risen 4 minutes earlier than the time of observation and had come a little up in the horizon by  $1^{\circ}$  whereas the Sun rises at the same time, i.e., 15 minutes after the time of observation. If the experiment is repeated on the third day at the same time, as usual the star is further above and the Sun rises only after 15 minutes. If one continues to observe for 10 days, the original star will be at  $10^{\circ}$  above in the horizon at the time of observation. In the meanwhile, another star is found rising just before sun-rise. A few days later, this star has come up, a third star rises just before the Sun. In 3 months' time, the original star comes overhead when the Sun is about to rise. In 6 months, the original star sets in the West when the Sun rises in the East. From the end of the sixth month, for another 6 months, this star will not be seen at all but actually it chases the Sun and conjoins it. To our pleasant surprise, at the end of one year after the commencement of the observation, the original star again appears at the time of observation whereas the Sun rises after 15 minutes as it happened year ago.

Thus, the stars, maintaining the relative positions among themselves constantly move ~~and~~ like a train, whereas the Sun appears to move from the Equinox

towards one star, leaves it and slowly nears another, passes it and approaches another and so on it transits. Thus it passes from the Equinox, all the stars on its path (the ecliptic) and finally reaches the same Equinoctial point in exactly one year.

If it is reflected calmly, one can understand that the earth revolves about itself exactly once, in about 3 minutes and a few seconds less than 24 hours. To revolve exactly once, it has to move  $360^\circ$ , as the meridian crossing a star or the Vernal Equinox twice successively means one full rotation of the earth.

Due to earth's motion in space in its orbit, it appears that the Sun moves daily nearly  $1^\circ$  away from the Equinoctial in the same direction of the motion of the earth or in the opposite direction of the movement of the horizon. Therefore, the meridian of a place, though it can cross the Equinox by revolving  $360^\circ$ , has to move one more degree a day to bring the Sun to the meridian since the Sun has slipped along the ecliptic one degree within that time. Hence a year consists of  $365\frac{1}{4}$  solar days meaning that the Sun during the year appears to observers at any place to describe  $365\frac{1}{4}$  revolutions with respect to its meridian, whereas during this time (one year), the Sun makes one revolution with respect to the first point of Aries or the Vernal Equinox. So the first point of Aries (Mesha) appears  $366\frac{1}{4}$  times in a year.

Suppose there is a train running round and round in an exhibition. There are 365 compartments for the train. The first compartment is provided with a motor; the last compartment, i. e., the 365th is linked with the first, thus forming a complete circle. A person takes his seat in the centre of the circular route of the train and looks at a post fixed on the ground from where the train starts. Suppose an Inspector checks the tickets

and just passes from one compartment to the other, wherever the engine just reaches the starting point, after making one round. What happens? If the engine has passed the place of departure 30 times, the Inspector will be going to the 30th compartment; 60 times means that the inspector will be in the 60th compartment, 180 times means 180th compartment or nearly half, i. e., the engine will be near the post and he will be in the carriage diametrically opposite to the post. So when the train completes 365 revolutions, the inspector reaches 365th compartment and he has made only 364 complete rounds. When it makes 366th revolution, both the first compartment of the train and the inspector will arrive together. Therefore the engine will pass 366 times whereas the inspector crosses only 365 times; in the same way, the movements of the stars and that of the Sun happen in the celestial sphere.

Hence  $365\frac{1}{2}$  solar days are equivalent to  $366\frac{1}{2}$  sidereal days; i. e., the sidereal day is shorter than a mean solar day by 3 minutes 56.555 seconds.

Why we should take mean solar time and not apparent one, may also be known. The question is whether the Sun is a good time keeper. If it were, then there is no necessity of other kinds of time. Really, the Sun is not a good time keeper, because its motion along the ecliptic for the year is irregular. Therefore, apparent solar days are of unequal duration. The days vary in length from one place to another, and even in the same place during different seasons, and it is impossible for a watch or a clock to be regulated according to apparent time. Let us take an example of the irregularity of the apparent day; it is 51 seconds longer, i. e., the duration between 22nd December and 23rd December is longer than an apparent day around the 3rd week of September as measured by the standard time. The main reason is that the Sun's apparent annual

motion along the ecliptic is not uniform but irregular. The earth's orbit is also not a perfect circle. It is eccentric. The earth is about 3 million miles nearer to the Sun on July 2nd than on 3rd January.

What happens if it is nearer or farther away? When the earth is relatively nearer the Sun, it goes faster in its orbit due to greater gravitation, whereas when the earth is farther away it moves comparatively slower. When the earth actually moves faster, the Sun is seemingly moving faster too in its motion; and as the earth moves more slowly, so the Sun also appears to move equally slowly. Hence the number of minutes of arc covered by the Sun in a day in the eastward motion along the ecliptic is constantly varying, but averages a little less than  $1^{\circ}$  a day.

This is also due to the inclination of the Ecliptic to the Equator. The Sun's apparent course is not along the Celestial Equator. It is along the Ecliptic which is inclined to the Equator by  $23^{\circ}27'$ . Time is ever measured by taking the hour angle which is the angle measured from the Celestial Pole. It has nothing to do with the Ecliptic. Hour angle is the measurement formed by the meridians at the Celestial Pole. Only when the celestial equator and the ecliptic are parallel and then alone,  $1^{\circ}$  of solar motion along the ecliptic means  $1^{\circ}$  along the equator also. This happens on two occasions in a year, i. e., at the time of the summer or the winter solstice, when the Sun is at a place where the equator and the Ecliptic are for the moment parallel. On other occasions, the Sun's movement of  $1^{\circ}$  along the Equator, is not  $1^{\circ}$  along the Ecliptic. Anyhow, it is the apparent eastern movement of the Sun as measured along the Equator that determines an apparent day.

Thus it must be clear that the Sun is not a good time keeper. So a fictitious body called the "Mean

Sun" is invented. It is *assumed* to have a perfectly uniform motion eastward along the celestial equator and not the ecliptic and also to complete a revolution just the same time that the real Sun takes for an annual trip along the ecliptic. By so assuming, all the days of mean time are precisely of the same length because of the uniform movement of the mean sun along the equator.

In civil life, *Mean Solar Time* is the basis of time. From 1925, the apparent day and the mean solar day commence at midnight, when the Sun will be transiting at lower transit. Prior to 1-1-1925, mean solar day commenced at midnight whereas apparent solar day in astronomy started when the Sun was at the upper transit, i.e., noon. Nowadays the astrologer's day is made to correspond with the day of civil usage.

*Civil time* is the specific use of mean time beginning the day at midnight.

Our clocks keep solar mean time. This is set up to the mean Sun which is explained above. The clock shows 0 hour when the calendar day commences. The clock is so set up that it registers exactly 24 hours by the time the earth moves about  $361^{\circ}$ , to catch the Sun up which it appears to have moved by about  $1^{\circ}$  in that one day.

The sidereal time is the time which is used principally in the astronomical observatory. Its uses are in connection with the transit of the stars and in the setting up of the telescope for which the sidereal time is directly read from a sidereal clock.

Sidereal time is nearly but not exactly star time. It is *vernal equinox time* and it is a measure of the earth's rotation with respect to the equinox which has a very very small retrograde motion. A typical

sidereal clock has on its dial 24 hours and is adjusted and rated to sidereal time. If you want to convert your ordinary clock to sidereal clock, you make it run fast by about 3 minutes 55.909 seconds a day by meddling with the spring. This can be achieved. The hands are set at 0 hour 0 minute 0 second, when the Sun is exactly at  $0^{\circ}$  Aries overhead at Greenwich while crossing the vernal equinox from its southern course to the northern hemisphere. Every year the Sun takes this position by about 21st March. The sidereal clock shows 24 hours when the earth has rotated once; but it registers 4 more minutes (roughly) when the ordinary clock shows 24 hours. In 2 months, the sidereal time advances by 4 hours. In 6 months it gains 12 hours and in one year it gains exactly 24 hours, i.e., one day.

The sidereal time is the same as the Right Ascension being measured along the celestial equator, in the same way, but using hours and minutes and seconds instead of degrees, minutes and seconds. The two terms are easily inter-convertible. One day =  $360^{\circ}$ ; i.e., 24 hours =  $360^{\circ}$ .  $\therefore$  1 hour =  $15^{\circ}$ ; 1 minute =  $15'$  of angle. Hence if one is known, the other can be calculated.

If you take an ephemeris, on any particular day, according to the month of the year, the sidereal time at noon given in the first column may be anything from 0 hour 0 minutes 0 seconds to 23 hours 59 minutes 59 seconds; for it will be evident that the sidereal clock gains one whole day in a year.

In this column, you note the sidereal time at noon at Greenwich is the right ascension of the meridian at noon, i.e., the distance between the Sun and vernal equinox. It will be seen that the sidereal time at noon on March 21st is 0 hour 0 minute when the Sun will be in the vernal equinox, and that it increases by 2 hours every month. Sidereal time may

be taken as the time taken by the Sun to come to the meridian after a rise of  $0^\circ$  or vernal equinox, i.e., Mesha  $0^\circ$  passes the meridian of the place. According to Sayana System, on 21st March, both the Sun and Aries  $0^\circ$  pass the meridian at the same time; after 2 months it will take 4 hours for the Sun to come to the meridian after Aries  $0^\circ$  passes it. After 6 months, Aries  $0^\circ$  passes and twelve hours later the Sun passes. Thus the interval, between the time when Aries  $0^\circ$  passes over a meridian and the time when the Sun passes it, is the sidereal time which will be found against each day in the Ephemeris.

**Standard Time:** For each country, a Standard Time Geographical meridian is chosen. Clocks are adjusted accordingly, to keep uniform time throughout the country for convenience in matters pertaining to Railways, Telegraphs, Phones, Radio and astronomical calculations. In great Britain, the Standard time is the Greenwich Mean Time. It is observed over the whole of the country instead of the true local time without taking into consideration how far East or West of Greenwich a place may be. Lists of standard time in all countries are given in certain atlases, and in some astrological text books. These lists will appear also in the subsequent issues of this magazine. For India, the meridian of  $82^\circ 30'$  East of Greenwich was arbitrarily chosen in 1906 and hence the Standard Time for India is  $5\frac{1}{2}$  hours in advance of Greenwich Mean Time. At all places situated on this longitude of  $82^\circ 30'$  the Sun will be at noon at the Zenith. In these places, the Sun rises nearly  $5\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. earlier than at Greenwich situated West of India. (nearly:—variations will occur a little, by difference in the *Longitudes* of the places.) People in Japan, and East China observe the sun rising earlier than in India as they are to the East of India. In Arabia, time is later than in India, and still later in

Paris, London etc. In America which is situated far West of Greenwich, the Sun rises much later than at Greenwich.

**Local Mean Time:** The earth moves round in an ellipse and revolves about itself. Hence, the time of Sunrise varies from place to place in different longitudes. The earth revolves  $360^{\circ}$  in one day. One day is divided into 24 hours, or 1,440 minutes. So to revolve  $1^{\circ}$ , it takes 4 minutes. Hence, places in the same latitude about  $1^{\circ}$  West of any one place will see the Sun rising 4 minutes later than at the eastern place. If two places A and B are  $15^{\circ}$  apart and A is east of B, B will note the Sun just rising one hour after sunrise at A. Hence the Local Mean Time is one which can be arrived at, after calculating the Longitude of the place. It is customary to calculate it, by taking Greenwich as the place of reference and fixing the longitude of the place. Conversion of Standard time to Local Mean time and calculation of the Sidereal time at any particular moment are to be clearly understood by the students of astrology.

## CONVERSION OF THE STANDARD TIME TO LOCAL MEAN TIME

Generally, an astrologer is given the time of birth of a native in Standard Time, or time by the clock; or the astrologer may have to make out a map for a particular moment, e.g., the moment of query, the moment of any incident, the time of coronation, of executing a deed, registering a company, laying the foundation, registering or celebrating a marriage etc. These times are to be converted to Local Mean Time. So the Standard Time and the longitude of the locality are to be noted. From the atlas, he should find out the Longitude of the place.



*Ex. I:* Say one is born at 12-15 P.M. I.S.T. (just after the noon) at Madras on 1-11-1908.

The Indian Standard Time given is 12-15 P.M.

Longitude of Madras is  $80^{\circ} 15'$ , i.e.,  $80\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  East.

Actually, the time at Madras in advance to Greenwich is only  $80\frac{1}{4} \times 4$  min. or 321 min. or 5 hrs. 21 min.

But Indian Standard Time is always 5 hours 30 minutes in advance of G.M.T.

12-15 P.M. Indian Standard Time = 12-15—5-30 = 6-45 A.M. morning at Greenwich.

Therefore when it is 12-15 P.M. at Madras according to Indian Standard Time, the time at Greenwich is 6-45 A.M.

To find the Local Mean Time at Madras :

Add  $80\frac{1}{4} \times 4$  min. or 321 min. or 5 hours 21 min. to the Greenwich Mean Time. The time obtained = 6-45 + 5-21 = 12-6 P.M. L.M.T. MADRAS.

*Second Method :*

Madras is  $80^{\circ} 15'$  East of Greenwich.

Difference in time is  $2\frac{1}{4} \times 4$  min. or 9 min.

As Madras is West of the chosen meridian  $82^{\circ} 30'$ , it is to be deducted.

So, when it is 12 hours 15 minutes P.M. I.S.T. it means 12-15' - 0.9 minutes. = 12 hours 6 minutes P.M. L.M.T. at Madras.

When the Indian Standard Time is said to be 12 hours 15 minutes which is the same time throughout India, L.M.T. of each place will differ: -

If at 12-15 P.M. I.S.T., there were births at Calcutta, Madras and Mangalore (In India itself) i.e., there were 3 births at the same moment. The Local Mean Time for the child born at Calcutta is to be calculated as follows: Longitude of Calcutta  $88^{\circ} 24'$ . Hence L.M.T. at Calcutta will always be  $88\frac{24}{60} \times 4$  min. in advance of Greenwich or 353 min. 36 sec. Birth at Calcutta = 12-15 P.M. Indian Standard Time (I.S.T.). Difference between I.S.T. and G.M.T. is always  $5\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. So Greenwich Mean Time = 12-15 P.M. - 5-30 = 6-45 A.M.

L.M.T. at Calcutta = 6-45-0 + 5-53-36 = 12-38-36 P.M.

A more simple method will be as follows: What is the Longitude of Calcutta?  $88^{\circ} 24'$ .

To which Longitude is the I.S.T. fixed? It is fixed for  $82^{\circ} 30'$  East Long. Note the difference between the longitude of the place and the longitude to which I.S.T. is fixed. Calcutta is  $88^{\circ} 24'$ .

I.S.T. is fixed to  $82^{\circ} 30'$ .

Therefore Calcutta is  $5^{\circ} 54'$  further East of  $82^{\circ} 30'$ . Difference in local time =  $5\frac{54}{60} \times 4$  min. or 23 min. 36 sec. Add this to the time noted at Calcutta: 12-15' + 23' 36" = 12-38' 36" P.M.

### Ex. 3. Birth At Mangalore

Longitude of Mangalore is  $74^{\circ} 53'$  East. Difference in Longitude (Chosen for Indian Standard Time and Mangalore City) =  $82^{\circ} 30' - 74^{\circ} 53' = 7^{\circ} 37'$ . Difference between Local Mean Time and Sidereal Time =  $7\frac{37}{60} \times 4$  min. = 30 min. 28 sec.

So, if the birth were to be at 12 hours 15 minutes P.M. I.S.T., then the Local Mean Time for Mangalore will be 12 hours 15 minuts. - 30 min. 28 sec. = 11 hours 44 min. 32 sec. A.M.

∴ Madras Local Mean Time is 12 hrs. 6' P.M.

Calcutta Local Mean Time is 12 hrs. 38' 36" P.M.

Mangalore Local Mean Time is 11 hrs. 44' 32" A.M.

So far, the examples are taken for East Longitude, i.e., East of Greenwich. Now let us take an example for West Longitude, i.e., West of Greenwich.

A child is born in New York at 3 P.M. of the STANDARD TIME ADOPTED in that country. It is given that, in that country, the Standard Time is 5 hrs. less than Greenwich Mean Time. In the United States, there are 3 different Standard Times. For all places between  $67\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  and  $82\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  Longitude West, the  $75^{\circ}$  Longitude is taken. Hence for such places, 5 hours is the difference between G.M.T. and New York Standard Time.

For places between  $82\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  and  $97\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  the Longitude  $90^{\circ}$  is taken, and hence in such areas, Standard Time chosen and followed from 18-11-1883 is 6 hours behind G.M.T. Again, for places, the Longitude of which fall between  $97\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  and  $112\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ , the longitude  $105^{\circ}$  is chosen and the difference between G.M.T. and the Standard Time there is 7 hours. For all other localities as the Pacific Coast- $112\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  to West Coast 8 hours is chosen. All these were fixed on 18-11-1883.

For a child born in New York, we should note the Longitude of New York. It is  $74^{\circ} 1'$  West. What is the difference between the G.M.T. and the Standard Time adopted here? Since New York is between  $67\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  and  $82\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ , the difference is 5 hours. That is, if the G.M.T. is 12 noon, the Standard Time in New York will show only 7 A.M.

The example taken above shows that the birth was at 3 P.M. at New York, i.e., by the Standard Time at

New York. Therefore 5 hours more or 8 P.M. will be the Time at Greenwich.

Convert Standard Time to G.M.T.

3 P.M. New York Standard Time = 8 P.M. G.M.T.  
 $74^{\circ} 1'$  longitude West of Greenwich is New York.  
 Hence, difference time =  $74 \frac{1}{15} \times 4 \text{ min.} = 4 \text{ hrs. } 56 \text{ min. } 4 \text{ secs.}$

Hence, deduct 4 hrs. 56 min. 4 sec. from 8 hrs.

8 hrs. — 4 hrs. 56' 4" or 3 hrs. 3' 56" P.M. will be the L.M.T. at New York. Otherwise, find the difference between the Longitude chosen and Longitude of New York.

Longitude chosen is  $75^{\circ}$ . Longitude of New York is  $74^{\circ} 1'$ .

Difference in time  $\frac{1}{15} \times 4 \text{ min.} = 3 \text{ min. } 56 \text{ sec.}$

New York is East of  $75^{\circ}$ . Hence, add 3 mins., 56 sec. to the Standard Time noted as 3 P.M.

Hence L.M.T. at New York is 3 hrs. 3 min. 56 sec.

Thus the Local Mean Time is necessary to fix the meridian, the ascendant and the cusps of all the houses, when one wants to erect a map for a particular moment.

*When one wants to fix the position of the planets, L.M.T. is not necessary. To fix exactly the lagna or ascendant, the meridian or the 10th cusp, the Local Mean Time is needed, so that sidereal time at that moment for that Locality can be calculated.*

**How to calculate sidereal time for any time  
 at any Place of Birth on Earth**

1. Local Mean Time is separately noted first.
2. Next take the ephemeris of *that year of birth*. Turn over that page, in which the sidereal time and the

position as well as the movements of the planets are given for *the month of birth*. Every month is allotted 2 pages. It must be remembered that all figures noted down there, are worked out for 12 noon Greenwich time (or the moment of birth of the next day in the International Date Line).

Think a while. If sidereal time is given for 12 noon at Greenwich for each day and if it is observed that, every day the sidereal time increases by about 4 min. is it not necessary to give corrections (1) for the time that had elapsed between 12 noon and the time for which a map is to be erected and (2) for the difference in Longitude between Greenwich and the place of occurrence.

Suppose a child is born at 12 noon at Greenwich on 1-11-1908. Then the sidereal time on that day, 1-11-1908 at Greenwich exactly represents the sidereal time at the time of birth of the child. If a child is born exactly at 12 noon on 2-11-1908, then the sidereal time will be around 4 minutes greater than on the previous day 1-11-1908. If another child is born on 3-11-1908 at 12 noon, the sidereal time that day is 4 minutes greater than on the 2nd and 8 min. greater than on the 1st noon.

Therefore for every passing of 24 hrs. the sidereal time increases by 4 minutes.

If a child is born at 2 P.M. at Greenwich, then the sidereal time will be (a) the sidereal time given for that noon plus the two hours which is the difference between noon and the birth time L.M.T. and also the increase in the sidereal time for the lapse of 2 hours.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e., } 4 \text{ min.} \times \frac{2 \text{ hrs.}}{\text{a day}} &= 4 \text{ mins.} \times \frac{2 \text{ hrs.}}{24 \text{ hrs.}} \\ &= 4 \times 60 \text{ secs.} \times \frac{2}{24} = 20 \text{ secs.} \end{aligned}$$

Sidereal time increases by 4 minutes for every 24 hours; 4 minutes is equal to 240 seconds. Therefore in 24 hours, sidereal time gets increased by 240 seconds; i.e., for every hour, sidereal time increases by 10 seconds; i.e., for every six minutes the sidereal time is more by 1 second. Therefore for 2 hours,  $2 \times 10$  or 20 seconds are to be added. Then add the interval correction for the interval between previous noon and birth time L.M.T. and the sidereal time given for noon plus 2 hrs. 20 seconds gives the sidereal time at the time of birth which is said to be 2 P.M. at Greenwich.

Because when the earth revolves once, a day or 24 hours pass on; the sidereal time slowly, regularly, uniformly and steadily increases hour after hour and in 24 hours, there is an increase of about 4 min. or 240 seconds. Therefore, for every hour that had elapsed after 12 noon, a correction is to be made at 10 seconds. That is, for every 24 hours, 4 minutes is to be added to the Local Mean Time.

Suppose a child was born at 12-15 p. m. at Madras on 1-11-1908. Note the L.M.T. It is 12-6 p. m. L.M.T. Note the sidereal time at 12 noon in the ephemeris against that date. Take 1908-year Ephemeris. You turn over the page where all particulars are printed for the month of November. Then you note that which is given against the date of birth. Here it is 1st. So note down the sidereal time given against noon on the 1st November, 1908. This is to be added to the interval between the previous noon and the time of birth in L.M.T. and also the correction for the interval at the rate of 10 seconds for every hour. Then the sidereal time is calculated if the birth were in Greenwich. Again think for a moment. The sidereal time is given for Greenwich Noon. But noon in Madras had already come, i.e., 5 hours 21 minutes before Greenwich. Each locality has its own noon, earlier by 4 minutes than the locality which is West of it by  $1^\circ$ .

Hence Madras experiences noon 5 hours 21 minutes earlier, because it is  $80^{\circ} 25'$  East of Greenwich. Sidereal time gets increased by 4 minutes for every revolution of the earth, i.e.,  $360^{\circ}$ . In other words, places in different Longitudes have the sidereal time at noon different at each place (each longitude) differing to a maximum of 4 minutes; i.e., for every revolution of  $360^{\circ}$ , 4 minutes of sidereal time is added for  $360^{\circ}$ . In the ephemeris, the sidereal time is worked out for Greenwich noon. The sidereal time for different longitudes has to be worked out. If the places are East of Greenwich, then the sidereal time at noon for that locality *will be less* than that given for Greenwich noon. In International Date Line which is  $180^{\circ}$  East, the sidereal time at noon at Greenwich is given. If an ephemeris is worked out, taking International Date Line as the place of the reference, the sidereal time given for that place will ever be 2 min, less than what will be found in Greenwich ephemeris.

The sidereal time at noon at Greenwich and the sidereal time at noon at a place near Andamans  $90^{\circ}$  East of Greenwich will be always 1 minute less than in Greenwich. Again for New Orleans which is West of Greenwich, the noon is to come after Greenwich; it will come after the Sun has left Greenwich and moved  $90^{\circ}$ . That is, it has to make  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a circle for one revolution  $90^{\circ}$  West. Therefore, sidereal time will be increasing and hence for  $90^{\circ}$  West, one minute will be the increase and this one minute is to be added.

Thus the sidereal time is to be worked out for each longitude.

From the Standard time, convert the time to *Local Mean Time*, and note it.

1. Note the *Sidereal Time* given for the *previous noon* (i.e., for the birth 1 between 12 noon and 12 p.m. midnight, note the sidereal time given for the same

date and for the births between 12 p.m. and onwards till next day 11 hours 59 minutes 59 seconds, find the sidereal time given for noon of the previous date.

2. Ascertain whether the birth was in the East Longitude or the West Longitude. If it is East Longitude, deduct the number of seconds that will result by multiplying the longitude of the place by 2 and dividing the product by 3. (because 4 mins. = 240 secs. which is the correction to be made for  $360^\circ$ ). If it is West Longitude, multiply the longitude by  $2/3$  and the product is the number of seconds to be added. If it is East Longitude, multiply the longitude by  $2/3$ . The result is the number of seconds to be deducted. This is the correction for the East Longitude. Now sidereal time at noon for the place of birth is found out.

3. Add, to the sidereal time, the interval between the previous noon and the time of birth in L.M.T. (The sidereal time given in the ephemeris will be between 0 hour. 0 min. 0 sec. to 23 hours 59 mins. 59 secs.)

4. Add to this sum, the correction for the interval between the previous noon and the time of birth at the rate of 10 seconds for every hour, i.e., one second for every 6 minutes.

The figure so obtained by adding (1) the interval and (2) correction for the interval to (3) the sidereal time at noon as is found, in the ephemeris worked out to Greenwich noon and then (4) either deducting or adding the correction for the Longitude depending on the East or West of Greenwich respectively, is the sidereal time for the moment of birth of a native whose time of birth is given in standard time and place of birth is also known. (Without knowing the place of birth, never start working.)

Five Examples are given to find out the sidereal time at birth in five different places.



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## ASTROLOGY AND ATHRISHTA

India is passing through a challenging period in her history. Her rich and powerful heritage in the scientific pursuit of knowledge and life has been laid aside and there is a mad chase for wealth without work or equipment. In this period of spiritual decay and mental stagnation, the science of Astrology, which had its legitimate place of honour in the culture and literature of India, has come in for its share of utter neglect, questioning or abuse. It is heartening, therefore, that Shri K. S. Krishnamurthi, popularly known as "Saidapet Astrologer" or "Mala Josier", should have undertaken the arduous task of publishing the above new monthly journal. This, he has done in a spirit of dedication and service, with the primary object of providing the basic knowledge on Astrology, in simple language, to one and all and particularly to the students who are aspiring to take up specialised courses in Engineering, Auditing, Medicine, Law, etc. Astrology, as it were, is the guide for all disciples of study.

The first Number is fully illustrative of the rich fare that is placed before the reader. The authenticity and validity of the methods of Astrological predictions are well expounded, in the light of the deep research that the author has undertaken as Founder-President of the Modern Astrological Research Institute, Saidapet. The Journal will concern itself with authoritative expositions by expert writers on the principles and practice of Astrology, as a science and not as a commodity for trade, as is being done. The topics will include astronomical data on Earth, the Heavens, the Zodiac, the constellations, etc. So much so, the Journal is expected to be really the source for a graduated course in Astrology. The Journal also

satisfies the curiosity of the readers as to their future, with a clear and intelligible reading of 'What the stars say'.

The profundity of the knowledge of the Editor with 40 years of research and experience in Astrology and the authoritative articles are bound to ensure successful achievement of the aim of the Journal, to raise the status of the science of Astrology and place it in its proper place, through appropriate recognition, among the disciples of Study in the Universities in India. In an age of mass production, there is no dearth of astrological magazines and raw writings in this country. The new Journal strikes a new path and promises to rise high above this standard and place before the public in capsule form the noble and respected science of Astrology as the guiding spirit, behind the acquisition of all other knowledge and leading of a disciplined life.

The Journal deserves every encouragement and I commend it to all.

## THE EPHEMERIS

The best available and the most popular ephemeris is "Raphael's Astronomical Ephemeris" for every year commencing from 1st January to the end of 31st December.

Various data regarding the date, the day, the sidereal time at noon at Greenwich, Sun's Longitude and declination, Moon's Longitude, Latitude and Declination and midnight position of Moon are given on one page. On the adjacent page, Longitude of Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Mercury will be found. These particulars are published in the lower half of each page. The data in the upper half of these pages may be taken for consideration in subsequent issues.

Data for the month of January are given on pages 2 & 3, for February on pages 4 & 5, for March on pages 6 & 7, and so on.

In the first column in the pages 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, etc., the date of the month is given in order. To guide one properly and to avoid committing any mistake, while referring along one line, for every 5 dates, a line is drawn from the beginning of the left page to the end of the right one.

In the second column  $\frac{D}{W}$  will be seen. It means the day of the week. For Sundays, a flowery capital 'S' is used. Capital 'S' for Saturday, 'Th' for Thursday, 'Tu' for Tuesday, 'M' for Monday, 'W' for Wednesday and 'F' for Friday, are the abbreviations used.

The third column is allotted to the Sidereal time. 'H' shows 'Hours', 'M' represents minutes and 'S' indicates seconds.

In the fourth column, a black thick and dark dot in the centre of a circle is seen. It is the symbol of Sun. 'Long' stands for Longitude. Underneath the Longitude of Sun is given its position in degrees. Next, you will note the symbol of the sign in which Sun is on that day. Minutes and seconds follow the symbol of the sign occupied by Sun.

The next column is allotted to the declination of Sun. This shows how far Sun is in the North or South of *Celestial Equator*. On or around June 22nd, Sun will be in  $23^{\circ} 27'$  North; on or around September 22nd, Sun's declination is  $0^{\circ}$ ; i.e., Sun is exactly in the Celestial Equator; i.e. Sun passes the autumnal equinox. Gradually, Sun's declination increases. It will be found in the South of the Celestial Equator. On or around 22nd December, the declination of Sun will be  $23^{\circ} 27'$  South. Sun takes a northern course and around March 21st, the declination of Sun is  $0^{\circ}$ . It indicates that Sun on that day passes the vernal equinox. So, if one simply follows this column, day after day, and month after month, one can understand the declination of Sun.

There is no latitude for Sun. Why? The Sun's apparent path is the *ecliptic*. The latitude is the distance measured from the ecliptic perpendicularly to the planet. As Sun moves along the ecliptic and the measurement is to be taken only from the ecliptic, there is no latitude at all for Sun. It may be said that Latitude of Sun is ever Zero. But, all other planets have their own orbits. They are not parallel to the Sun's path—the ecliptic. But they are inclined to it. So, each of them crosses the ecliptic in two different points.

If one goes through the ephemeris, one can observe that the planets have different latitudes and declinations.

The sixth column gives the longitude of Moon. The seventh shows its latitude, whereas the 8th is the declination of Moon.

Since Moon moves very fast and there is variation in its motion every day, the 9th and the 10th columns in the same page show the Moon's longitude and latitude at midnight 0 hours. Thus, for Moon alone, its position for every 12 hours can be had from the ephemeris.

In the adjacent page, date of the month is given and only on Sundays, instead of giving the dates, the letter 'S' will be seen which, we will realise to be useful.

The longitudes of planets are given in a particular order. The planet which moves very, very slowly is Neptune. So its longitude is given first. No doubt Uranus also moves slowly, yet faster than Neptune and it is between Neptune and Sun. So longitude of Uranus is given next to that of Neptune. The fourth column gives the Longitude of Saturn which moves faster than Uranus. Further, it is nearer to Sun than Uranus. Following the same principle, longitudes of Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Mercury are given in the ephemeris in the order of their distances from Sun.

Next refer to the upper half of the page. On the right side, i.e., pages 3, 5, 7, 9 and so on, the 8th column gives the position of Moon's node, which Hindus call as Rahu. As the position of Kethu (Descending node) is always exactly  $180^\circ$  away from Rahu, it is not given separately.

Thus, the date, the day, the sidereal time at noon at Greenwich, the longitudes of all planets can be had from the ephemeris.

Other data furnished in the ephemeris will be explained in the subsequent issues. For the present, to cast a horoscope, the above is necessary and is also sufficient.

## SIDEREAL TIME

Sidereal time is the time of vernal equinox. It is a measure of one complete rotation of the earth with respect to the vernal equinox (the intersecting point of the celestial equator and the ecliptic) which has a very small retrograde motion. Everyday, the sidereal time at noon for the same place increases by a little less than four minutes and in one year the sidereal time increases by 24 hours.

The sidereal time at noon is given in Raphael's Astronomical Ephemeris for every noon at Greenwich, for the whole year. On March 21, it will be 0 hour 0 minute when the Sun will be found exactly in the vernal equinox. From 21st March, every month, the sidereal time at noon increases by two hours. So, around 21st April, the sidereal time at noon, at Greenwich, will be two hours; around 21st May it will be 4 hours at 12 noon, around 21st June, it will be 6 hours at noon and so on. Thus in 12 months, the sidereal time increases by 24 hours at 12 noon.

If one were to refer the sidereal time at noon on the day of the birth of a child, then one is to obtain the ephemeris of the year of the birth of the child. All particulars about the day, the date, the sidereal time at noon at Greenwich, position of all planets etc., are given in the ephemeris in two adjacent pages.

For January refer to pages	2 & 3,
For February „	4 & 5,
For March „	6 & 7; and so on,
And for December „	24 & 25,

in the Raphael's Astronomical Ephemeris. So, turn over to the page in which these particulars are given for

the month of the birth of a child. Underline the date and day of birth of the native before proceeding to calculate the sidereal time for the moment of the birth of a child.

Suppose three children are born at Agra, Allahabad and Ahmedabad respectively: one is born at Agra at 6-30 P.M. I.S.T.; the other at 3:30 A.M. I.S.T. at Allahabad, and another at 12-5 P.M. I.S.T. at Ahmedabad. All these births are on 15th May 1963.

It means on 15th May, Wednesday evening at 6-30 P.M. I.S.T. a child is born at Agra; the other is born on Tuesday night and before sunrise on Wednesday, three and a half hours after midnight, i.e., three and a half hours after the commencement of the calendar day 15th May 1963. Another birth was only 5 minutes after Wednesday noon.

First, what is it that is to be worked out?

It is the Local Mean Time of each birth. So, note the Longitude of each place of birth. Reference may be made to the Geographical Atlas.

Longitude of Agra is  $78^{\circ} 5' \text{ E.}$

Longitude of Allahabad is  $81^{\circ} 54' \text{ E.}$

Longitude of Ahmedabad is  $72^{\circ} 38' \text{ E.}$

1. Time of birth at Agra = 6-30 P.M. I.S.T. on 15-5-63.

Difference between I.S.T. and Greenwich Mean Time is 5 hours 30 minutes.

Therefore 6-30 P.M. I.S.T. means 6-30—5-30.  
= 1 P.M. G.M.T.

Longitude of Agra =  $78^{\circ} 5'$

For every degree East of Greenwich; add 4 minutes.

Therefore for  $78^{\circ} 5'$ , add  $78^{\circ} \frac{5}{60} \times 4$  minutes  
= 312 minutes 20 secs. = 5 hours 12 minutes 20 secs.



Add this to the G.M.T. obtained.

6-30 P.M. I.S.T. = 1 P.M. G.M.T.

Adding 5 hours 12 minutes 20 seconds to 1 P.M. G.M.T., we get L.M.T. = 6-12-20 P.M. on 15-5-63.

2. Birth time at Allahabad = 3-30 A.M. I.S.T. on 15-5-63.

To get Greenwich time, deduct 5 hours 30 minutes.

Then Greenwich mean time = 10 P.M. G.M.T. on 14-5-63.

Longitude of Allahabad is  $81^{\circ} 54'$  E.

For every degree East add 4 minutes.

Therefore for  $81^{\circ} 54'$ , add 5 hours 27 minutes 36 seconds.

So, to 10 P.M. G.M.T. on 14-5-63, adding the 5 hours 27 minutes 36 seconds, we get 3 hrs. 27' 36" A.M. L.M.T. on 15-5-63 at Allahabad.

Therefore L.M.T. = 3 hrs. 27' 36" A.M. on 15-5-63.

3. Birth time at Ahmedabad = 12-5 P.M. on 15-5-63.

Deducting 5 hours 30 minutes (which is the difference between G.M.T. and I.S.T.), the time G.M.T. arrived at is

12 hrs. 5' — 5 hrs. 30' = 6-35 A.M. on 15-5-63.

Longitude of Ahmedabad =  $72^{\circ} 38'$  E.

Adding 4 minutes for each degree, i.e., 4 hours 30 minutes 32 seconds for  $72^{\circ} 38'$  E., the time is 6 hrs. 35' + 4 hrs. 50' 32"

Therefore L.M.T. = 11 hrs. 25' 32" A.M. on 15-5-63.

(1) To find the sidereal time for the birth at 6-30 P.M. I.S.T. on 15-5-63 at Agra  $78^{\circ} 5' \text{ E.} = 6-12-20 \text{ P.M. L.M.T.}$

Take the ephemeris for the year 1963.

Turn over to page 10.

Underline the date 15th, against which is written 'W' meaning Wednesday.

Note the third column. The sidereal time at noon at Greenwich is given.

Sidereal time at noon at Greenwich on 15-5-63 = 3 hours 29 minutes 59 seconds.

Work out the sidereal time at noon at Agra  $78^{\circ} 5' \text{ E.}$

For each degree East, deduct  $2/3$  seconds from the sidereal time at noon at Greenwich.

Therefore for  $78^{\circ} 5' \text{ E.}$  deduct  $78 \frac{5}{60} \times 2/3$  seconds  
 $156 \frac{1}{3}$  sec. = 52 sec. roughly.

Deducting 52 seconds from the sidereal time at noon at Greenwich on 15-5-1963, we get 3 hrs. 29' 59" — 52" or 3 hrs. 29' 7". This is the sidereal time at Agra on 15-5-63.

So,

	Hrs. Min. Sec.
Sidereal time at noon at Greenwich on 15-5-1963	= 3—29—59
Sidereal time at noon at Agra on 15-5-1963	= 3—29—07
Interval between <u>previous</u> noon and birth time L.M.T.	= 6—12—20
Correction for the interval at 10 seconds per hour	= 0—1—02
Add all these three. The total	= 9—42—29

Therefore the sidereal time at the time of birth, i.e., 6-30 P.M. I.S.T., which is 6 hrs. 12' 20" P.M. L.M.T. at Agra on 15-5-1963 is 9 hrs. 42' 29".

(2) Birth at 3-30 A.M. I.S.T. = 3-27-36 A.M. L.M.T. on 15-5-63.

What is the sidereal time?

Take the sidereal time at previous noon at Greenwich.

The previous noon was the noon on 14-5-63.

Therefore refer in the ephemeris to the sidereal time given for noon at Greenwich on 14-5-63.

Sidereal time on 14-5-63 at 12 noon at Greenwich is 3 hours 26 minutes 2 seconds.

Find sidereal time on 14-5-63 at 12 noon at Allahabad  $81^{\circ} 54'$  E. by deducting  $2/3$  second for every degree East Longitude.

$$81\frac{2}{3} \times 2/3 \text{ sec.} = \frac{819}{10} \times \frac{2}{3} \text{ sec.} = 55 \text{ sec.}$$

Therefore sidereal time at noon on 14-5-63 at  $81^{\circ} 54'$  E.

	Hrs.	Min.	Sec.
3 hrs. 26 min. 2 sec.—55 sec.	3	25	7

Add interval between  
14-5-63 noon and birth  
time L.M.T.

15	27	36
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Add correction for the  
interval of 15 hours  
27 minutes 36 seconds  
at 10 seconds per hour

0	2	35
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The total is	18	55	18
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Therefore the sidereal time at 3-30 A.M. I.S.T. on 15-5-63 at Allahabad  $81^{\circ} 54'$  E. is 18 hrs. 55' 18".

(3) Birth at 12.5 P.M. I.S.T. = 11 hrs. 25' 32" A.M. L.M.T. on 15-5-63 at  $72^{\circ} 38'$  E (Ahmedabad). Since

the L.M.T. is 11 hrs. 25' 32" A.M. on 15-5-63, take the sidereal time at previous noon on 14-5-63 which is 3 hours 26 minutes 2 seconds.

This time is given for Greenwich :

So the sidereal time at Ahmedabad which is  $72^{\circ} 38' E$ .

is 3 hrs. 26' 2" minus  $72 \frac{38}{60} \times \frac{2}{3}$  sec. or 48 sec.

	Hrs.	Min.	Sec
	3	25	14
Add the interval between previous noon and birth time in L.M.T.	23	25	32
Add also correction for the interval of 23 hrs. 25 min. 32 sec. at 10 seconds per hour	0	3	54
Total	= 26	54	40

As the total is above 24 hours, the excess is 26 hrs. 54' 40" minus 24 hrs. or 2 hrs. 54' 40". Therefore, the sidereal time for birth at 12-5 P.M. I.S.T. on 15-5-63 at Ahmedabad  $72^{\circ} 38' E$ . is 2 hours 54 minutes 40 seconds. When one wants to work out, one need not write all these. It is enough if the following is worked out :

Birth at 12-5 P.M. I.S.T. = 12-25-32 A.M. L.M.T. on 15-5-63 at  $72^{\circ} 38' E$ .

	Hrs.	Min.	Sec.
Sidereal time at noon on 14-5-63	3	26	2
Deduction for $72^{\circ} 38'$ at $\frac{2}{3}$ sec. for one degree	0	0	48
	3	25	14
Add interval between previous noon and birth time in L.M.T.	23	25	32
Add correction for interval	0	3	54
Total	26	54	40

Therefore sidereal time on 15-5-63 at 12-5 P.M.  
at 72° 38' E. is 26 hrs. 54' 40" sec.

Deduct 24 hours.

Sidereal time at 12-5 P.M. I.S.T. on 15-5-63  
= 2 hrs. 54 min. 40 sec.

Let us take the examples of two births in Western Longitude. One birth is supposed to be at 9 P.M. at Boston 71° 2' West and the other at 7 A.M. at San Francisco 122° 25' West on 15-5-63. The Standard time in use at Boston is 5 hours less than Greenwich mean time.

The Standard time at San Francisco is 8 hours less than Greenwich mean time.

If it is 12 noon Standard time at Boston, it will be 5 P.M. at Greenwich.

If it is 12 noon Standard time at San Francisco, it will be 8 P.M. at Greenwich.

At Boston 71° 2' West, birth was at 9 P.M.

Difference is 5 hours.

Hence the time at Greenwich will be 2 A.M. on 16-5-63. Boston is 71° 2' West.

For every one degree deduct 4 minutes for West longitude. Hence deduct  $71 \frac{2}{3} \times 4$  min. or 4 hours 44 minutes 8 seconds from Greenwich time.

Hence 2 A.M. on 16-5-63 is 14 hrs. minus 4 hrs. 44' 8" = 9 hrs. 15' 52" P.M. L.M.T. on 15-5-63.

	Hrs.	Min.	Sec.
Sidereal time at previous noon, i.e., on 15-5-63	3	29	59
To get sidereal time at Boston at noon, add $\frac{2}{3} \times 71\frac{2}{3}$ sec.	+0	0	47
Add interval between previous noon and birth time L.M.T.	9	15	52
Correction for interval at 10 secs. per hour	+0	1	33
Therefore sidereal time at 9 P.M. on 15-5-63 at $71^{\circ} 2' W.$ is	<u>12</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>11</u>
= 12 hours 48 min. 11 sec.			

(4) Birth at San Francisco 7 A.M. Standard time:

Difference between Greenwich time and Standard time is 8 hours. Therefore 7 A.M. on 15-5-63 at San Francisco = 3 P.M. on 15-5-63 at Greenwich.

Longitude of San Francisco is  $122^{\circ} 25' West$ .

	Hrs.	Min.	Sec.
Hence deduct $122\frac{25}{60} \times 4$ min. or 489 min. 40 secs. or from 3 P.M. = 6 hrs. 50' 20" A.M. L.M.T. at San Francisco	8	9	40
Sidereal time at 12 noon at Greenwich on 14-5-63	= 3	26	2
Sidereal time at 12 noon at San Francisco (add $122\frac{25}{60} \times \frac{2}{3}$ )	= 0	1	22
Add the interval between previous noon and birth time L.M.T.	18	50	20
Add correction for interval at 10 secs. per hour	0	3	8
Therefore sidereal time at 7 P.M. Standard time at San Francisco on 15-5-63	= <u>22</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>52</u>

## SIGNS AND HOUSES

Thousands of stars are visible when night gathers and they are scattered at random over the sky. Only a few appear in certain patterns. If one observes the pathway of the moon, one will notice that it does not embrace all the stars in the heavens, but takes a course which is in the neighbourhood of the celestial equator. Observations made to fix the apparent pathway of the Sun both in the early morning hours and immediately after sunset confirm that its route is also very close to the celestial equator and neither Sun nor Moon moves far away from it. Never do they pass near the South Pole or the North Pole. The Sun's path crosses the celestial equator in two points and the Sun will be away from it  $23^{\circ} 27'$  at the most. The Moon's orbit is a little inclined to the Sun's path, viz. the ecliptic. The other planets also have their individual orbits and all of them are found within 8 degrees on either side of the Ecliptic. This belt of the heavens, which is a circle of space surrounding the Earth, is called the Zodiac.

The Sun appears to rise 365 times a year. But 360 is the L.C.M. (Least Common Multiple) of Numbers 1 to 10 except 7. Hence it appears that the circular route is said to cover 360 degrees, and the mathematicians have also taken  $360^{\circ}$  for a circle.

The Sun and the New Moon conjoin twelve times before the Sun completes one revolution. So also in the same one year period there are 12 Full Moons.

Probably this may be the reason to divide the Zodiac into 12 equal parts. Hence each part is defined to contain 30 degrees of space called the signs of the Zodiac. Thus the 12 signs, each measuring exactly 30 degrees, constitute the circle of the Zodiac which is  $360^{\circ}$ .

These twelve signs commence from the vernal equinox and they are called

Aries—Mesha ;	Libra—Thula ;
Taurus—Rishaba ;	Scorpio—Vrischika ;
Gemini—Mithuna ;	Saggitarius—Dhanus ;
Cancer—Kataka ;	Capricorn—Makara ;
Leo—Simha ;	Aquarius—Kumbha ;
Virgo—Kanni ;	Pisces—Meena.

The earth revolves on its axis once in 24 hours. During this period the twelve signs pass over any given spot on the earth, one succeeding the other in the same order. Each sign takes nearly two hours to transit the eastern part of the horizon where the Sun appears to rise in the morning. The time taken by each sign varies. Though a few transit within a period of two hours, some signs take more than two hours and the total time taken is only 24 hours. This also varies widely, depending upon the latitude of the place of birth.

For example, Aries takes nearly 112 minutes and Gemini 129 minutes for people in the Equator, whereas Aries takes 80 minutes and Gemini 118 minutes for people in the latitude 34° North.

As the Zodiac is ever moving and birth can happen at any moment, the part of the Zodiac that rises in the East will be regularly changing at the rate of roughly 1 degree for every four minutes. Therefore, to find out which part of the Zodiac or which part of a particular sign, is rising in the East at the time of birth one has to calculate. It is only to ascertain this time of birth and to have some more data, sidereal time at the time of birth of the child is worked out. Now it is necessary to know how to fix the ascendant, i.e., the part of the sign that is rising in the East.



With a view to read the results of the horoscope our sages have also advocated that the circle commencing from the ascendant is to be divided into 12 parts. These divisions are called Houses. The rising position in the Zodiac, called the Ascendant, the meridian of the place and the setting position of the Zodiac, otherwise called Descendant, are taken for calculation. The quadrants formed between the meridian and the horizon are trisected. These form the visible six houses above the earth. The other six houses are diametrically opposite to each of these six houses. Thus there are six houses below the earth.

There are various methods of House division. The Hindus follow the method recommended by Sripatipaddathi. It is popular. In other countries, eight methods are followed and the principles involved in each will be very briefly mentioned here.

(a) Ptolemy's *modus equalis* or equal method. The division of the houses commences from the degree that rises in the East. Thirty degrees are added successively and the meridian obtained will not coincide with the zenith. It is a rough method and is given up.

(b) Porphyry suggested a method where the meridian and the ascendant are decided and the quadrants are equally divided into three equal parts. The quadrant formed by the ascendant and Nadir (the cusp of the fourth house) is divided into three equal parts. Thus, six houses are obtained and for the other six houses, the diametrically opposite points are taken. This is also not used nowadays.

(c) Morinus introduced a method by trisecting the quadrant of the equator by circles passing through the poles of the ecliptic which has not received support from the present-day authors.

(d) An Australian astrologer named Zariel advocated equal division method by dividing the equator

into 12 equal segments. The division commences from the meridian of the place. This is also not popular.

(e) The method of Alcabitius: He determines the Ascendant in the usual manner. He determines the sidereal time when this degree of the ascendant will be in the meridian. The difference between this and the sidereal time at birth is divided by three and that position which will culminate for the sidereal time thus arrived at, is taken as the cusp of houses 11 and 12. Similarly he completes the circle.

(f) Campanus follows a method by which he finds the cusps of houses which are the degrees of the Ecliptic cut by the Prime Vertical.

(g) The method in common use is that followed by Placidus, generally known as "Semi Arc System".

(h) Regiomontanus advocates *modus rationalis* which is a rational one.

In the succeeding issues, these will be taken up one by one and described. But now it is enough to understand that there are many methods to work out the various houses. But to the astrologer, it is a tedious job.

To save the trouble as well as the time, and to avoid mistakes, it is suggested that the book "Tables of Houses" may be obtained. If it is not available in your place, please write to "Lakshmi Book Stores", Janpath, New Delhi. The books are available in this book-stall.

This book published by Raphael is the best. All other tables of houses published by different authors will vary widely. Astronomers will say, in one voice, "FOLLOW RAPHAEL'S TABLE OF HOUSES ALONE."

He takes every degree of the meridian to places in

the Northern Hemisphere. That is, he has calculated the position of the various houses to a locality by taking regularly one degree after another from Aries 0 degree to Pisces 30° when it passes the meridian. For latitudes between 2° & 60° N., this table is useful. To each latitude of the place, the sidereal time is furnished in the first column. Then the sign and the number of degrees are given for houses 10,11,12, Ascendant, 2 and 3. These are the exact points where the houses begin. It is called the "CUSPS" of houses. The space in between the adjacent cusps is the extension of the house. By adding 180 degrees to the cusps 10,11,12, 1,2 & 3 one can easily arrive at the position of the cusps of the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and the 9th houses respectively. Thus, all the houses can be recorded with ease and without any error.

The positions of these houses are given according to Sayana System.

Signs are twelve in number. They always commence at Aries 0° which is the moving vernal equinox and each sign is ever exactly 30°, whether a person is in equator or at any latitude in the northern or southern hemisphere.

But houses begin only from the point of Zodiac that just rises in the East at the required time. Each house is different in longitude. Some houses will be greater than 30° and some less than 30°, but the longitudes of all the houses put together will be exactly 360°.

**Example :** Suppose one's sidereal time at birth is 18 hours at Madras (or 13°N.), one is to refer in the table of houses to the particular page in which the position is given for 13°N.

The ascendant will be Aries 0° (Mesha).

The cusp of 2nd house is Taurus 4° (Rishaba).

The cusp of 3rd house is Gemini 4° (Mithuna).

The cusp of 4th house is Cancer 0°.

The cusp of 5th house is Cancer 26°.

The cusp of 6th house is Leo 26°.

The cusp of 7th house is Libra 0° and so on.

From this one can note how each house varies in its Longitude.

A reference to other tables of houses published by other authors, will show that they do not agree.

As Raphael's Table of houses is adopted by astronomers due to its correctness, the readers are advised to use this alone, so that they can follow easily the casting of the horoscopes which will appear later.

# DATE FROM WHICH STANDARD TIME IN USE IS ADOPTED

	Date	Month	Year
United States and Canada from 12 noon on	18	11	1883
Japan	12	7	1886
Austria	7	9	1889
Hungary	7	9	1889
Germany	1	9	1890
Prussia	1	4	1893
Rumania	1	10	1891
Servia	1	10	1891
Bulgaria	1	10	1891
Italy	1	11	1893
Denmark	1	1	1894
Switzerland	1	6	1894
Norway	1	1	1895
Queensland	1	1	1895
Australia	1	1	1895
New South Wales	1	2	1895
Victoria	1	2	1895
South Australia	1	2	1895
Manila Island	11	5	1899
Phillippine Island	11	5	1899
Alaska	20	8	1900
Spain	1	1	1901
Balearic Islands	1	1	1901
Atlantic Time	15	6	1902
New Brunswik	15	6	1902
Nova Scotia	15	6	1902

	Date	Month	Year
Cape Breton	15	6	1902
Prince Edwards' Island	15	6	1902
Orange River Colony	1	3	1903
South Africa	1	3	1903
Transvaal	1	3	1903
Rhodesia	1	3	1903
Portugese East Africa	1	3	1903
Cape Colony	1	3	1903
INDIA	1	1	1906
Peru	28	7	1908
Republic of Chilè	1	1	1910
Republic of France	10	3	1911

The following table gives the difference between the Greenwich mean time and the Standard time used in various parts of the world. If the ' + ' is used, one is to add this difference to Greenwich mean time. For example, India " + 5 hours 30 minutes ", means that Indian Standard Time is always 5 hours 30 minutes in advance of Greenwich Mean Time. If in Greenwich it is 9 A.M., adding 5 hours 30 minutes, we get 2-30 P.M. in the afternoon, according to Indian Standard Time. If it is 7 P.M. in Indian Standard Time, deduct 5 hours 30 minutes. Then 1-30 P.M. afternoon is Greenwich mean time.

	Hours	Minutes	Seconds
Algeria	0	9	21
Argentina	4	16	48
Australia Western	8	0	0
Australia Central —	9	30	0
Australia Eastern	10	0	0
Austria Hungary	1	0	0
Belgium	0	0	0

	Hours	Minutes	Seconds
Borneo	8	0	0
Brazil	2	52	41
British Columbia	8	0	0
Canada Eastern	5	0	0
Canada Central	6	0	0
Chile	4	42	46
China—Shanghai	8	5	43
China—Saigon	7	6	49
Columbia	4	56	54
Cuba	5	29	26
Denmark	1	0	0
Egypt	2	0	0
England	0	0	0
Fiji Islands	11	53	44
France	0	9	21
Germany	1	0	0
Gibraltar	0	0	0
Greece	1	34	53
Holland	0	0	0
Hong Kong	8	0	0
INDIA	5	30	0
Ireland	0	25	21
Italy	1	0	0
Japan	9	0	0
Java	7	7	14
Korea	9	0	0
Madagascar	3	10	7
Malta	1	0	0
Mexico	6	36	27
New Zealand	11	30	0
Norway	1	0	0

	Hours	Minutes	Seconds
Nova Scotia	4	0	0
Panama	5	19	39
Peru	5	9	3
Portugal	0	36	5
Russia Pulkowa	2	1	19
Russia Irkutsk	6	57	5
Russia Vladivostok	8	47	31
Servia	1	0	0
Singapore	6	55	25
South Africa	2	0	0
Spain	0	0	0
Sweden	1	0	0
Switzerland	1	0	0
Tunis	0	9	21
Turkey	2	0	0
United States :			
From Manic to South Carolina	5	0	0
Kakota to Texas	6	0	0
Michigan to Florida			
Montana to Arizona	7	0	0
Pacific Coast States and Nevada	8	0	0
Alaska Sitka	9	0	0
Hawaiian Islands	10	30	0
Phillippine Islands	8	0	0
Porto Rico	4	0	0
Panama Canal Zone	5	0	0

One has to refer to this table and calculate G.M.T. to erect a horoscope.



# WHO IS WHO ?

## PLANETS AND THEIR GOVERN

**Sun:** Sun is the parent of the entire solar system. It is also called the 'Father of the Stars'. It is the nearest star to the earth and is about 93 million miles away from our Mother Earth. It is the largest among the planets, belonging to the solar system. It is nearly 750 times larger than all the planets put together. Its diameter is about 110 times that of the earth and is nearly 27,19,000 miles in circumference.

Scientists say that it is not a solid mass, but they are of the opinion that it is composed of gaseous matter in a series of layers which send out cool and positive magnetic rays which meet one of the negative quality on earth, and that thereby both heat and light are developed. These waves affect likewise all other planets belonging to the solar system. The variation in the intensity depends on many factors.

The sun-spots are active for a period of 11 years and are passive for the succeeding 11 years. (Details about the sun-spots will be discussed in later issues.)

**Mythology :** Being the centre of all life, force and energy and the giver of Prana, Sun is worshipped as Sun God. It is held in high esteem. At least thrice daily, Sun is prayed for by the Hindus. Every Sunday 'SURYA-NAMASKARAM' is done by many persons to regain the lost vitality and eye-sight. Other nations also pay reverence to Sun. It is said to represent the Creator, the Brahma, with his four faces to have a survey of all the four directions causing four seasons and the four elements, namely Fire, Earth, Air and Water. Sundays (otherwise called Sabbath, meaning wise teacher) are given holidays probably to worship Him. Sunday is also put at the head of all the seven days of the week.

Westerners call the Sun, Apollo. They consider that Sun is the son of Jupiter and Latona. Apollo is the brother of Diana. He is adored by the Greeks. The swan and the raven are said to be Apollo's birds.

Hindus have conceived the Sun as ever moving in a chariot drawn by seven horses. This is probably because in the Sun are contained all the seven colours of the solar spectrum (VIBGYOR). They say that Sun goes round the mount Meru daily. Whenever Sun enters into certain significant signs, the Hindus perform some religious function on those days to satisfy the departed soul and also offer prayers to Sun God. One such occasion is at the time when Sun crosses the fixed Nirayana Vernal Equinox and enters Aries so that the people in the North Pole could see him after a continuous night extending to six months. This is called Vishu or Tamil New Year's Day. The next occasion is on or around July 17 when Sun reaches the northernmost declination (twenty three degrees twenty seven minutes from the celestial equator) and begins its southern course. It is called Dakshinayana. The next occasion when they perform the religious rites falls when Sun during its southern course reaches the Autumnal Equinox which is the beginning of Libra or Thulam. Three months later, when Sun reaches the southernmost declination in the south and just when he commences the Northern course, all Hindus irrespective of caste or creed uniformly celebrate this day. It is called Sankaranthi. Thus the Sun has come to occupy an important place in the Hindu Pantheon. The greatest Astrologer Varahamihira worshipped only Sun God and shed an imperishable lustre among the nine gems in the court of King Vikramadithya.

The Sun takes exactly one year to go round the ecliptic. It has only the direct motion. Never does it retrograde. Also there is no latitude to Sun.

Sun stands to us as a symbol of spirit. Hindus consider that Sun is the soul of Kalapurusha. (The Moon is his mind; Budha or Mercury his speech; Kuja or Mars his strength; Jupiter or Guru his knowledge and happiness, Venus or Sukra his desire or lust; Saturn is his misery, etc. It is said that the several constituents of Kalapurusha are either strong or weak according to the strength of the planets representing them. Only Saturn is exempted. Whenever Saturn is weak, misery will be much greater and will predominate. But if Saturn is strong there will be less of misery. All these effects are felt only in their respective periods.)

For all living beings, Sun represents the positive and primal fount whereas Moon represents the negative influence. Sun is constructive and creative while Moon is preserving and formative. Sun is the father and Moon is the mother. Therefore Sun is the symbol of spirit and Moon is that of matter, both acting as life and form. That is why the zodiac which is divided into 12 signs are in their nature alternately positive and negative or masculine and feminine.

The Sun and Moon are considered to be the sovereigns. Whereas Guru or Jupiter and Sukra or Venus are the counsellors or ministers, Budha or Mercury is their heir or the young prince, Kuja or Mars is the commander-in-chief and Saturn or Sani is the slave or the servant. Sun is the king and Moon is the queen. Venus is considered to be the wife of Jupiter and the adviser.

**Other names of Sun are :** Adhithya, Arka, Aruna, Bhanu, Dhinakara or Dhinakrit, Heli, Pusha, Ravi, Surya and Thapana.

**Sun's govern :** Sun and Moon are the two luminaries as they both emit light and make everything

bright. The Sun possesses a form with dark red eyes. Realising that it is the Sun which pours forth his spirit and it is the one planet which gives life to one and all, Chaldeans worshipped the Sun with great love and devotion.

The Sun offers us the power of resistance and vitality. It governs the inspiration and expiration, i.e., breath of life. Also, it rules over our consciousness and denotes the individuality whereas the form and personality are attributed to the moon. Sun gives the force and self-will and makes one determined and decisive.

Sun is a dry, masculine, positive and hot planet. He is 'Agni Devatha' and is fiery by nature. He rules the direction East and (of the six Rithus) 'Grishma' which includes the months June and July. The colour of the Sun is orange or Kanakambaram. He rules the metal Gold and also Copper.

Sun represents the Father of the native. In the woman's chart it indicates her husband. In service it shows the master, or the administrative head or the Government. In games, it stands for the captain or the leader.

**Physical Features:** People with Sun as ruling planet born either on a Sunday or in Leo—Simha Lagna or with Sun in the Ascendant will have honey coloured eyes. The face will be large and round. The hair and the colour of the body will have a light shade.

**Physical body:** Sun rules the heart. So also the sign which Sun governs, Leo—Simha denotes the heart of the Kalapurusha. It also represents the right eye in man and left eye in woman. The mouth, spleen, throat and brain are also indicated by Sun.

**Diseases :** Sun when afflicted will cause defects in the heart or in the eye-sight during the conjoined period of the Sun and the afflicting planet. Saturn afflicting the Sun causes low blood pressure whereas Jupiter afflicting the Sun produces high blood pressure. Mars afflicting Sun causes haemorrhage, cardiac thrombosis, etc. The constitution will be overheated and bilious. It also denotes cerebral meningitis, eruptions of the face, loss of speech as a result of cerebral affection, i.e., aphasia, sharp fevers, typhoid, polypus, epilepsy, bile complaints, sun-stroke, scorches and disease in the head.

**Characteristics :** When Sun is not afflicted but is strong and beneficial it offers sterling qualities. It offers real love towards everything and everybody. It fosters universal love. Devotion to God will be sincere and steady. There will be inspiration and intuition. Activity and authority are the beneficial results of Sun. Steadiness, soundness and solidarity in the avocation are due to Sun. It indicates one's self-acquisition. One will not mind making strenuous efforts, roaming over mountains, undertaking travels and taking all pains to gain his objective. Maximum labour and minimum wages are also attributed to Sun. Strong Sun in a favourable sign offers strong will. The native will have a cheerful outlook towards life and enjoy good fortune. He should not however be too frank and outspoken. He has to cultivate caution and secretiveness. Sun gives power to rise far above the status in which he is born. It gives a magnetic quality and ambition. Sun's subjects are tireless workers.

They should however avoid bossing over others. They should not be over-ambitious lest they should feel discontented or unhappy. Those who have a strong Sun and seek favour from anybody, should go directly without sending an agent since the magnetic radiation of the Sun is carried with them and the person sought.

out cannot refuse to grant the request. By exercising self-control and limiting his ambition, he will enjoy the good-will and the esteem of the people in powerful positions and also from the public. Similarly, high government officials can enjoy life and earn the good-will of the public.

Beneficial sun gives ambition, boldness, brilliance, capacity to command, dignity, energy, elevation in rank, faith, fame, grace, generosity, health, hope, happiness, individuality, influence, joy, kind heart, kindly appearance, loyalty, magnanimity, nobility, optimism, power, sterling quality, respect to elders, reputation, royalty, regality, scruples, success in worldly affairs, truth, good temperament, unadulterated love, vigour, vitality, virtue and warmth.

Afflicted Sun makes one arrogant, bluff, domineering, egoistical, faithless, vain-glorious, haughty, insulting, jealous, lavish, loquacious, over-ambitious, pompous and proud, self-opinionated, irritable angry and spiteful.

**Profession:** Sun generally indicates a permanent position in life. All government services, and those in such departments where there is security of service are denoted by Sun. Sun also indicates an independent business financed by the father or the business taken over from him. Sun as an indicator of profession gives success to one who deals in red or orange articles, copper, gold, wheat, medicine and chemicals.

The nature of the profession will however largely depend on the combination of the Sun with other Planets. If, for example, Sun is connected with Moon and Mercury, thenative will deal in red clothes or orange clothes as Moon and Mercury jointly indicate textiles; alternatively one may be employed with this combination in a government textile department since Sun

represents government whereas Moon and Mercury denote textiles. If Sun has any connection with Moon and Venus, the native may deal in red or orange paints or the native may serve in a transport or shipping department. If Mars and Mercury are connected with Sun in any manner, the native may be a military engineer or he may deal in brick kilns or serve in Government Press as Mars and Mercury indicate press or mechanical or military engineering, etc. Sun, Mars and Venus promise service as Venus stands for vehicular traffic and transport, and Mars police in traffic department. Those who deal in rose flowers will be influenced by these three planets because Venus is for flowers, Mars shows his possession of landed property and red colour and Sun indicates thorny plants. Sun having a relation with Saturn suggests that one will deal in woollen goods as Saturn also denotes hair.

For people who enter into the medical services as indicated by Sun, the following combinations of planets will indicate the exact nature of their specialisation.

Sun with Jupiter produces good physicians and Mercury gives intuition and helps to diagnose correctly.

Sun receiving beneficial aspects from Mars brings out able surgeons, as Mars indicates use of sharp instruments.

Sun, Venus and Jupiter help specialisation in Maternity, since Sun denotes medicine, Venus women and Jupiter the chief governor for children.

If Venus receives aspects from the active and bold Mars and the secretive Saturn and conjoined with Sun, the person will be an expert in venereal diseases.

If Sun, Venus and Saturn are mutually connected, the person will specialise in skin diseases as Saturn spoils the beauty given by Venus.

Sun and Venus devoid of other planets' influence occupying the sixth or the eighth house show that he will be an optician.

Sun and Saturn in the Ascendant or in the 8th house indicate that one will earn as a dentist.

In one's chart the Ascendant shows the native and the 7th house indicates the patient whom he treats. If the 2nd and the 12th houses are spoiled, one has eye defect or disease. So the 2nd and the 12th houses from the 7th is the 8th and the 6th houses counted from the Ascendant. Therefore the planets Sun and Venus in 6 and 8 in the medical officer's chart shows that he will attend on people suffering from eye diseases.

One suffers from tooth-ache only when the 2nd and the 7th houses are afflicted. Therefore the 2nd and the 7th houses counted from the 7th house representing the patient are the 8th and the Ascendant of the doctor. Hence dentists will have Sun and Saturn having connection with these two houses. Further, Saturn rules the osseous system, bones, enamel, etc.

Sun and Mercury in the 9th or the 5th house indicate that the native will be an expert in Ear, Nose and Throat diseases as the houses three and eleven denote ear and throat.

If Rahu, Sukra, Sun, Uranus and the lord of the 9th house are in any manner connected with each other, the medical man will specialise in 'X'ray.

If Uranus has connection only with the Sun, the native will serve in the medical research department.

Generally Sun and Jupiter having connection with Virgo or Kanni, Scorpio or Vrischika shows service in the Public Health department, whereas Mars shows that in the medical department.



Similarly if one takes to the other departments of the government, for example, Law, then Jupiter with Sun and Mercury indicates Civil Law, whereas Mars indicates Criminal Law.

To find out one's profession exactly, a deep study is necessary.

**Political:** Sun denotes administrators, kings, dictators, royal leaders, heads of departments, and people in authority and power.

**Products:** The products represented by Sun include red variety in rice, myrobalams, groundnut, cocoanut, asaffoetida, cardamoms, almonds, chillies, omum (Ajwan), pepper, milagu, pine, lavender, nutmeg, aromatic herbs, saffron, pearls, corals, etc.

**Market:** Government Loans, Gold bonds, Gilt-edged securities, Gold, its price and control, Reserve Bank, Stock Exchange, Foreign Exchange and Currency, Trade Associations recognised by Government, Chambers of Commerce, etc.

**Plants and Herbs:** Thorny trees, grass, timber, Saffron, Laurel, Orange trees, Anise, Cedar, Almond, Vervain, Chamomile, Lavendar, Rue, Rose-mary, Mary-gold and medicinal herbs.

**Places:** Forests, Mountains, Shiva temples, Fortress, Government buildings, Public offices—District Boards, Panchayat Unions, etc., Sourashtra country in India.

**Animals and Birds:** Lion, Horse, Boar, Serpent, Cattle and other quadrupeds in the forest. All singing birds, nightingale, swan.

**Day:** Sun is the lord of Sunday. Whenever one runs a period ruled by Sun, he can expect the results on a Sunday ruled by Sun or at the time when Leo or Simha Lagna owned by Sun rises in the east or on

the days when Moon transits in the stars or nakshatras, Karthigai, Uthrapalguni and Uthrashada, governed by Sun.

**Precious Stones:** Diamond and ruby. If Sun is weak or afflicted, one can use metal gold and the stones diamond and ruby set in it. Those who suffer from heart trouble, eye diseases or those who want security in service or power in government, or favour from the high government officials, they can use the above gems to enjoy health and success. They will be able to realise their ambition.

So far, the general results of Sun have been discussed. Let us see how its results vary according to the houses which it occupies at the time of the birth of a person.

get favourable replies. They will not incur any expenditure on account of the real estates, houses or landed properties. Speculative gains will only be a minimum if they are cautious. Lotteries, races, etc., may give some financial gains and mental peace. Court affairs, litigation, etc., will end favourably to them. The servants will not give them any trouble. They might incur some expenses by declaring bonus to menials. They need not be afraid of any secret inimical activities from any source.

Attempts for higher or specialised studies would be fruitful in the earlier part of month. Success is assured in any of the competitive examinations, for which they are candidates. Help and assistance would be forthcoming from friends and officers. Business activity will be hectic and they will have a major portion of the unsold goods moved in the market. Brothers will keep good health from the 7th and they will have successes and gains in their enterprises. Mother will keep only indifferent health in the first fortnight of the month. Her health will improve and return to normalcy in the latter half of the month.

Their children will have steady financial gains during the first two weeks while in the last two weeks quite opposite results would be enjoyed by them. Wife will have peace of mind. She may undertake a long journey to some place of pilgrimage. The partner in business will have an improvement in his health, wealth and position. The father of the native, born under the sign Pisces, will have immense popularity and a contented life in the earlier part of the month. Some extra work in the office is unavoidable for him after the 16th instant. The extra labour will be favourably considered and viewed by those occupying superior positions. As not much of speculative gains are indicated, it is better to be cautious while entering it.